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Nehru Calls For "New Struggle"

WAR AGAINST POVERTY AND IGNORANCE

PLEA TO BANISH COMMUNALISM FROM INDIA

KANPUR, December 16, (A.P.I.): "Let us end our strifes and entrench ourselves against external and internal dangers so that we may concentrate our energy and endeavour on our schemes of national reconstruction to make India prosperous and powerful", said the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing a mammoth gathering of over two lakhs of people in Phool Bagh this evening.

WAR AGAINST POVERTY

"This is a big task before us" he added, "which involves the happiness and well-being of thirty crores of people. The wealth of the country should not go to the pockets of a few exclusively but should be equitably distributed among the people.

Poverty, ignorance and Unemployment have to go with our new national and economic set up. But efforts towards national reconstruction should not be obstructed by narrow-mindedness, indiscipline and Fascist tendency of certain Communal elements as this will be a national loss.

When our form of Government is democratic and it is open to any party to take charge of the reigns of administration and policy, they should follow the proper course and not indulge in activities which disintegrate our strength and divert our constructive effort into destructive and disruptive channels. Let us see our future in its proper perspective and make India strong and prosperous that it may have a place of honour in the comity of nations.

"PEOPLE'S SUPPORT—OUR STRENGTH."

Pandit Nehru said the country had passed through revolutionary changes and many ups and downs. They had also experienced joy and sorrow during one and half years. But the love of masses sustained and encouraged him to greater endeavour.

In Calcutta ten lakhs people had assembled and here too a mamoth gathering greeted and encouraged him. Never before had he seen such huge gatherings at public meetings barring of course at Kumbha Mela at Prayag. It became impossible to hear and address such masses of people

"We have passed through storm and stress of strange events during the past year or so", Pandit Nehru added. "But we had behind us love, confidence and strength of the people. This sustained us, otherwise it would not have been possible tor us to shoulder the responsibilities of state. We completed one stage of our Nations' journey on August 15 after 60 years of patient suffering and sacrifice. We celebrated the event with rejoicings. But while on one side there was joy on the other dreadful tidal waves swept the country. The Punjab and some other adjoining Provinces witnessed unheard of destruction and death, which did immense damage to the country and lowered it in the estimation of the civilised world. It will not serve any useful purpose to say who started it, but the hands of all of us are stained with blood. We however faced the situation and have brought madness under control."

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Pandit Nehru said, we have, however, to look ahead. Swaraj is not an end in itself but a means for accomplishing the good of the people.

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Jawahar—A Little Frightened

CALCUTTA, December 16. (A.P.I.): "I am a little frightened of you, men and women of Calcutta. I have known how to face peril and danger but how am I to face the overwhelming affection that you have shown me?" said Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru in a message to the people of Calcutta before he took off from Dum Dum this morning.

Pandit Nehru added: "But I know this is not for me personally but for the great cause we all stand for. So now forget me but remember this cause and turn all your great faith and energy towards the building of free and democratic India. I have heard a million throats cry JAI HIND. Let this come true. Cast aside fear and narrow communalism, labour for unity, peace and progress. JAI HIND".

NEHRU RETURNS TO DELHI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16. (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, returned to New Delhi this evening from Calcutta.

Later he called on Mahatma Gandhi.

STOP PRESS

BANGALORE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL

BANGALORE, Dec. 16. (A.P.I.): A press note on communal situation in Bangalore city issued this afternoon says: "Visible improvement in the situation was reported during curfew hours except for some stray cases.

The latest casualty reports indicate 11 persons lost their lives and 91 injured since the commencement of disturbances in the city".

18 KILLED IN AJMER

AJMER, Dec. 16. (A.P.I.): Ten persons were killed by rioters and eight persons were killed when military opened fire on a crowd engaged in looting today, according to an Official 'communique'. Two police constables were killed while cordoning a house from which five bodies have been recovered.

Curfew continues in the city and military is patrolling the affected areas.

SOUTH ZONE RANJI TROPHY

BANGALORE, Dec. 16. (A.P.I.): Mysore were all out for 136 in their first innings on the second day's play in the South Zone Ranji Trophy Cricket match and before stumps were drawn for the day, C. P. and Berar had made 99 for the loss of six wickets in their second knock.

INDEPENDENCE FOR VIET NAM

SAIGON, December 16. (Reuter): Viet Naw would receive 'complete' independence 'under Dominion Status' Geoges Duhamel French Academician told Reuter here today.

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BENEFITS OF DECONTROL

GANDHIJI WARNS AGAINST COSTLY ADMINISTRATION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.): In his post-prayer speech this evening, Mahatma Gandhi told the audience certain figures placed before him by Shri Brij Krishan Chandiwala indicating the results of decontrol in as far as it had gone. The price of Gur (Jaggery) had fallen to Eight Annas a seer from a Rupee. He hoped it would fall still lower. In his youth Gur was sold at One Anna a Seer. The price of sugar had fallen from Rs. 34 to Rs. 24 a maund. One rupee now brought one and a half seers of pulses instead of fourteen 'chhataks'. The price of gram had fallen from Rs. 24 to Rs. 18 a maund. The black market price of wheat had been Rs. 34 a maund. It had come down to Rs. 24.

He was rightly accused of knowing nothing about orthodox economics and the fluctuations of prices. He talked of decontrol in his ignorance, but the consequences would have to be borne by the poor people. The results, so far had, however, falsified the fears. The poor seemed to be better off without the control.

DECONTROL UNMIXED BLESSING

He had received numerous congratulations on Decontrol. He could not appropriate them for many causes and many persons had worked towards the same end. If the Middleman and the Grower thought more of the whole country than themselves, he had no doubt Decontrol all round would be an unmixed blessing. All fear about Decontrol was due to the supposition that the business community would not play the game. The sceptics distrusted the Producer and the Middleman.

If the majority of the people were selfish and untrustworthy, how could Democracy, Panchayat Raj, work? He would ask the Government to utilize the services of Non-Civilians equally with those the Civilians. The difference was the latter were highly paid and the former were volunteers. Each was amenable to law for any fraud.

He had received complaints about the high salaries of Civil servants. Civil Service could not be done away with all of a sudden. Their numbers had already been reduced, with the result that those remaining had to work harder. The Sardar had, therefore, congratulated them on their work.

TOO MUCH SALARIES

He (Gandhiji) did not grudge credit where it was deserved, but he could not help nothing that they drew salaries which, before independence, the Congress had considered too much. The real Civil Service were the people. After all, Congressmen had been working without any salaries in the past. If a Congressman becomes a Parliamentary Secretary today, why should he be paid a high salary? He did not know that Parliamentary Secretaries were needed. The Congress Party must be chary of imposing more paid Secretaries on the Government.

It would be wrong to tone down the high standard the Congress had set before the country. Greater care was necessary in that they had now crores at their disposal. It would be imprudent to let the expenditure go up when the income remained stationery. Every business firm had to see that the credit side was larger than the debit side. Could they run the business of Free India by ignoring that basic fact? They had some money today and they could squander it in any way they liked. But it would not last long unless they acted like wise business men.

EVOLVING UNIFORM LAND POLICY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16. (A.P.I.): The conference of Provincial Revenue Ministers commenced here this morning under the chairmanship of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Food and Agriculture Minister. Ministers from all the provinces except Orissa are attending the Conference.

The conference will review the progress made with regard to the abolition of Zamindari system in the Provinces and will formulate a uniform policy on questions of payment of compensation, land tenure, revenue system and Agrarian reforms following the abolition of Zamindari system.

Bhabha On Indo-American Trade

NEW YORK, Dec. 16, (Reuter): India could give a lead to the South-east Asian countries, if it was properly supported and guided by countries, like the United States, the Indian Commerce Minister, Mr. Coover-jee H. Bhabha said. Mr. Bhabha, who was leaving by air for London last night on his way to India after attending the Havana trade talks, added that he proposed when he returned to India to do his best to foster still closer co-operation between India and the United States.

"There is a tremendous field for trade between India and the United States and there is an under-current of sympathy here for my country."

MORARJEE AND MOUNTBATTEN

Lord Mountbatten of Burma seen with Bombay's Home Minister at the Home Guard's Parade at Brabourne Stadium on Tuesday. (See Page 5)

MARSHALL OPPOSES MOVE FOR SEPARATE PEACE

Bidault Still Hopes For 'Big Four' Co-operation

LONDON, Dec. 16. (U.P.A.): UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, MARSHALL, CONFRONTED BY A WORLD SPLIT BY THE FAILURE OF THE BIG FOUR CONFERENCE, RULED OUT AS "IMPOSSIBLE" PROPOSALS TO MAKE A SEPARATE PEACE WITH WEST GERMANY.

Soon after Molotov hurried off to Moscow without saying goodbye to anyone, Marshall discussed the significance of the Conference's collapse with his ed sources close to Marshall said he delegation.

Before the London Conference open-had rejected the whole concept of a separate peace as unworkable. He admitted that accommodation would have to be found for West Germany in case of the Council's failure but ruled out a separate peace. The same sources, asked today whether the events of last week had changed Marshall's mind; answered, "There has been no change on that issue. Something else must be worked out for a truncated Germany, but we cannot do it with a separate peace treaty". Marshall and his advisers reportedly feel generally that the West's only course now was to complete West Germany's unification to be done by a merger of the economic arrangements for the Anglo-American Zone to the French Zone and then proceeding to some form of provisional political unity.

FRENCH ATTITUDE

LONDON, Dec. 16. (U.P.A.): Secretary of State George Marshall and French Foreign Minister Bidault tonight examined possible compromises which will allow France to unite her occupation zone of Germany with the Anglo-American zone.

Marshall was the guest of Bidault at the French Embassy, for dinner, 24 hours after the Council of Foreign Ministers collapsed in total deadlock over Germany and adjourned.

Significantly, Marshall was accompanied to dinner by Republican John Foster Dulles and Ambassador to

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SARDAR COMMENDS ORISSA LEAD

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16. (A.P.I.): "In future, if the people of these States have any grievances, they can only be against the popular representatives and leaders who would be charged with their interests and welfare" says Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister in the course of a statement on his settlement with the rulers of Orissa and Chattisgarh.

After detailing the situation that faced the rulers and the choice that was open to them Sardar Patel expresses his gratitude to the rulers of the States "who showed a commendable appreciation of the realities of the situation and a benevolent regard for public good. To all of them undoubtedly, the decisions they have taken have involved considerable sacrifice of powers and fortune."

The Sardar in conclusion says:—"These princes have by their act of abnegation purshased in perpetuity their right to claim the devotion of their people. I am sure that very soon the Provincial Governments who would be acting for the Dominion Government in discharging administrative functions in these states will turn their thoughts and energies to ameliorating the conditions of the people and to devising ways and means of associating representatives of states with the fashioning of administrative measures. Let them all realise the stakes involved—some 56,000 square miles of territory with a population of about 8,000,000, a gross revenue of about two crores and immense potentialities for the future. It is the undisputable right of the people in these territories to have modern amenities of Government which should be the governing consideration in everything that we do for them. It will also be the duty of the people concerned to help and co-operate wholeheartedly with the respective Provincial Administrations in this process of unification and amelioration, so that they may derive the full benefit of this great achievement."

COMPLAINT AGAINST INDIAN MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 16, (U.P.A.): The Secretary of Overseas Trade, A. G. Bottomley, told the Commons today that "many manufacturers have complained that the Indian market is closing down on them.

"In the case of India, it was our unwillingness to release India's sterling balances in sufficient quantities that forced her to cut down purchases from us. I cannot make this point too clear. We have to insist that we export as few goods as possible.....which only go to wipe off our debts incurred in the common cause during the war".

ARABS SMASH PIPELINE

Water Supply To Jewish Areas In Negev Cut

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16, (U.P.A.): Reports reaching here said Arab marauding bands operating in "military like formations" smashed a vital water pipeline through the desert to 14 Jewish settlements in Negev.

Squads of Hagana men rushed out in desperate haste to fix at least five punctures in the long pipeline which winds through the settlements. The pipeline was laboriously planted by Jewish pioneers in the desert.

A Reuter message says: Three Arabs were killed in a gun fight near the Yarkon Bridge in Tel Aviv last night, the statement added.

A Jewish arson squad in a white jeep set fire to Arab houses on the border between Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa today, police reports said.

The Jewish Civil Guard was today taking over security duties from British police forces in the mainly Jewish areas of Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Petah Tiqvah.

Five Arab villages with a population of 5,000 in the area will thus come under Jewish police control.

A Reuter Cairo dispatch today quoted a newspaper report that Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, had told his Cabinet of an Arab League Decision not to put regular Arab forces into the Palestine "fight against zionism").

The Premier added, according to the report, that this attitude would be reivsed after the British withdrawal and in the light of the international situation then prevailing.

Latest Commercial News

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New York, Dec. 16.

Previous Closing	35.91
Today's Opening	35.86
Difference	—5
Today's Closing	36.11
Difference	+20

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 16.

New York Stock Exchange Opening Prices:

Anaconda Copper Mining 34-7/8
General Motors 57-1/4
United States Steel Common 76-3/4
United States Steel Preference unquoted.

LAST QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Dec. 16

	Rs.	As.
Cotton Jarila Jan	500	0
Cotton Jarila March	496	0
Silver Bullion	170	8
Gold Forward	107	0
Sovereign	69	0

MADRAS STRIKE SPREADS TO WHOLE PROVINCE

Magistrates Detained; Govt.'s Threat; Leaders' Appeal To Resume Duty

MADRAS, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.): Members of the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association continued their strike on the second day today. Work in all the Government offices in the city is being carried on with the assistance of a few senior non-gazetted officers and fresh recruits.

The strike has not so far affected the Secretariat Staff and the Food Rationing offices in the city.

GOVT'S. ULTIMATUM

The Madras Government today notified that Non-Gazetted Officers now on strike, who do not join duty on or before December 17, will be liable to be dismissed from service.

The Government are confident of finding enough recruits to fill up the vacancies caused by the strike of Non-Gazetted employees and they expect to re-establish normal working in all offices in the province very shortly says a press note issued by the Madras Government on strike situation this evening.

The Government propose to give notice to all temporary clerks employed in the various offices who have gone on strike to join duty forthwith, failing which they will be discharged from service, it was officially stated here today.

The question of dealing with the permanent staff concerned will be taken up seperately, it was added.

The Government statement says that about 200 more candidates have been sent to report to the various offices by the Employment Exchange and many have joined duty.

High Court's Plight

The High Court authorities are reported to have received yesterday a few applications from advocates offering their services with a view to avoiding any dislocation of the work in the court on account of the strike. Consequent on the strike of shorthand writers employed at the High Court, Judges had to write out orders themselves yesterday.

STRIKERS' VIEW

Mr. Jagadesa Iyer, President of the N.G.O.'s Association in a statement to the Press says the Press Communique issued by the Government indicates that the Government has no idea of sanctioning the twin demands of the Association at an early date. He has therefore, no alternative but to invite all the N Go's for a prolonged period of suffering "to

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DAHANUKAR APPOINTED BOMBAY'S NEXT SHERIFF

BOMBAY, December 16.

The Government of Bombay have appointed Mr. M. L. Dahanukar, a prominent industrialist of Bombay, to succeed Mrs. Mithan Lam as Sheriff of Bombay.

Comet Seen In Madras

MADRAS, December 15. (A.P.I.): A comet was observed shortly after 7 p.m. last night at the same altitude as Venus lying south-east of the moon by the Madras Observatory.

The comet went out of view after about half an hour, moving rapidly in a south-easterly direction.

It Has Two Nuclei

JOHANNESBURG, December 16. (Reuter): The comet which has been blazing through the southern heavens for the last week has not one but two separate nuclei which change their relative position and brightness, Dr. W. Vandenbos, Union of South Africa Astronomer, said here today.

The second nucleus was visible when the comet was first seen here on December 10. On December 13 when it was clearly seen again after two nights of cloud, the two nuclei were further apart and the dimmer of the two had become brighter.

Last night there was a striking change with the two heads equally bright or, if anything the one which had been fainter now brighter.

INFORMATION THRU PORES OF BISCUITS NO. I

Biscuit in primitive times

Lake-dwellers in Switzerland in the stone age had their biscuit, a dough of half-crushed grains of corn, round in shape and about 1" to 1½" in diameter. Now-a-days biscuits are many, but selection is easy. ACME is perfect and tasty.

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SYDNEY TEST: NO PLAY AGAIN

SYDNEY, December 16, (Reuter): With the outfield waterlogged and the pitch practically covered with water following heavy rain during the night, it was quickly decided before noon today that no play was possible in the second cricket Test between Australia and India.

This was the fourth of the six days allotted to the game, and..so far only five and a quarter hours play has been possible.

India is in a strong position now, having scored 188 runs, to which Australia had replied with 28 for the loss of Brown's wicket.

But a hot sunshine from dawn to noon and a drying wind will be needed before the ground will be fit for play tomorrow.

There is little prospect of ..sunshine today, for at present Sydney and the coastal area is covered by a grey pall of low rain clouds and further showery weather is forecast.

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DANES & MALAYANS TO MEET IN MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

Bombay Lead Punjab In Inter-Provincial Championship

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

As the result of the two semi-finals in the men's doubles event decided this evening Madsen and Holm of Denmark qualified to meet Samuel and Chung King Leong of Malaya in the final of that event. But the pairs had an easy passage into the finals neither of the losing semi-finalists putting up even the semblance of a fight.

Madsen and Holm very easily accounted for Durai of Malaya and Mugwe of Bombay at the total cost of 19 points. Mugwe and Durai never combined well and the Danes exploited this weakness to the full, often playing the shuttle between the two players which was allowed to drop on the ground. Besides the Danes were definitely superior in every department of the game. Their smashing being particularly accurate and returning of smashes always well placed and so calculated to upset the rhythm of their opponents, Durai's terrific smashes proved easy picking for Holm and Madsen who returned them at will, often deep on the baseline. The victory of Danes becomes more creditable when it is considered that Holm suffered from a cramp in the right thigh shortly after the commencement of the match, but gamely carried on without respite.

The other semi-final between Lewis and Davinder and Samuel and Leong proved to be entirely one-sided from start to finish. The Indian team was outplayed by the clever Malayan who never relaxed their grip on the game. Davinder and Lewis were made to look a mediocre combination if not also an innocuous one by the sound court-craft of Leong and Samuel.

The final of the inter-provincial championship, in which three matches were played between Bombay and Punjab was undecided, the home team leading by two matches to one. Lewis, in the first match, made short work of Talyarkan whom he beat at the expense of but 7 points. In the second match Shroff playing good badminton against seasoned Gur Prasad quickly ran into a 14-7 lead in the first game. Thereafter he made a series of error which enabled the Punjabi to draw level at 14. Over the extra points, however, Shroff made certain of the game. The second game the Bombay player won comfortably making the score for the tie between Bombay and Punjab one all. In the third match Mrs. Lewis proved to be na match for Miss Chinoy who had harly any difficulty in winning the match at the expense of three points all in the first game.

The Results

INTER-PROVINCIAL (Final)

Bombay lead Punjab by two matches to one.

Shroff beat Gur Prasad 17-15, 15-7; Miss Chinoy beat Mrs. Lewis 11-3, 11-0; Talyarkhan lost to Lewis 3-15, 4-15.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Semi-Finals)

T. Madsen and P. Holm beat Durai and Mugwe 15-7, 15-12; Samuel and Leong beat Davinder and Lewis 15-4 15-7.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES

5-30 p.m. Bombay vs Punjab (Final of the Inter-provincial Tournament) Mixed doubles followed by Mens doubles 6-30 p.m. Final of ladies' doubles Mrs. Ahm and Mrs. Athaide vs Miss Sunder Deodhar and Miss Suman Deodhar, followed by semi-finals of men's singles Holm vs Samuel andLeong vs Durai.

Jackie Paterson Defends World Flyweight Title

MANCHESTER, Dec. 15 (Reuter): Jackie Paterson, world and British flyweight champion beat Al Chavez Mexican-American from California on points over 10 rounds here tonight.

Both men weighed-in inside 8st. 4lbs.

This fight was on the bell, but the main fight was European bantam weight championship contest in which British, Peter Kane, defended his title against the Belgian champion Joe Cornelius.

Paterson was taking a point, when the bell went to end his fight, but he was given the decision.

So poor was the fight in the first few rounds that the referee spoke to both boxers, and last five rounds produced a terrific battle. Chavez allowed the champion to do the forcing for the first half of the contest, contenting himself with counter-punching when opportunities presented themselves. Paterson appeared to carry heavier punch and there were indications that he would land a knockout, particularly when Chavez received a cut on the left eye in the sixth round.

Then, the American turned to attack and shook Paterson with two good hooks. With a deft hook to the body Paterson dropped for a count of five.

Paterson seemed glad to hand on for the sixth round. Chavez slogged with both hands in rounds seven and eight, wearing Paterson down.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

Indians Eliminated From National Badminton Championship

BY J. C. MAITRA

On Mondoy evening I went to the Bombay Gymkhana to witness the quarter-final matches in the National Badminton Championships—for which privilege I had to fork out the neat little sum of Rs. 2-8! I must say that the exhibition was well worth the money, though I was rather disappointed with the total eclipse of the Indian players from the men's singles. But there was nothing to grumble about. They were totally outclassed, outplayed and outmanoeuvred by their versatile opponents.

MARVELLOUS COMMAND

Indias No. 1, Davinder Mohun, met his Waterloo at the hands of C. K. Leong, from Malaya. When Davinder lebelled up matters in the second game, I hoped that he would succeed ultimately in pulling the chestnuts out of the fire—more so because it appeared that his older and heavy opponent was firing. But opposite turned out to be the case. While the Malayan regamed the mastery of court and held on till the last the Punjabi—probably due to insufficient tournament practice—failed to outwit a rival whose command over strokes and strategy was indeed marvellous.

LEWIS FADED AWAY

After Davinder's fall, our hopes were centered round George Lewis, the Punjab veteran. As he was meeting a man six years older then himself,—A. S. Samuel, also from Malaya, is 41—it was confidently expected that Lewis would easily get the better of his unostentatious adversary. The devastating manner in which he made short work of the first game, showed his unquestionable supremacy in every department of the game. But the shrewd Malayan did not take long to find out the weaknesses in his opponents' repertoire. He exploited them to his fullest advantage and ran out a comfortable winner. With Lewis exit India's last hope was dashed to the ground.

A BUDDING CHAMPION?

The only relieving feature of the day was the creditable fight put up by G. Hemmady from Bengal against Caul Holm the Danish Ace. The young Indian player showed remarkable command over the production of his large variety of strokes. Only he needs more experience in Court Golf to develop him into a finished top-ranking player. It will not be at all surprising if he rises to the top of Indian badminton ere long. Need I hardly stress that our players should make every effort to cultivate a substantial fund of stamina—without which any hope of reaching to the zenith of badminton world would be a pure dream.

GREAT DAY FOR MALAYANS

It was really a great day for Malaya. All their three stars emerged victorious from their respective battles. In addition to Leong and Samuel, A. S. Durai succeeded in his singles campaign. In fact, the last-named six-footer led the way by accounting for Dage Madesen, the Danish ex-champion, in two straight games. His smashes were so terrific that the Dane was completely thrown out of gear.

Now Durai will fight his compatriot, Leong, in the penultimate round and Samuel will "cross swords" with Holm at the same stage. In all probability, Durai and Holm will contest the final. It will be worth going a long way to see this epic steruggle.

Breakdown Of 'Big Four' Talks In London

Session Founders On Reparation Issue: Future Of Germany Left Unsolved

LONDON, Dec. 16. (Reuter): The Council of Big Four Foreign Ministers suddenly and dramatically ended their London session last night with the problem of Germany's future still unsolved and only half their agenda completed in seventeen meetings.

The conference foundered the question of reparations, all the Western powers opposing the Russian claim for payment from current German production.

The decision to adjourn followed a speech by Mr. Marshall United States Secretary of State in which he proposed emphatically that they should adjourn.

Although no date was fixed for a further meeting of the ministers themselves, the question of the Austrian Peace Treaty will be considered by their deputies.

PESSIMISM

World reaction to the breakdown of the Conference in London ranged last night from disappointment and pessimism in Germany to discussion in Washington of a possible new Three-Power conference to meet the changed diplomatic situation.

French diplomatic circles said it was obviously a turning point in relations between the Eastern and Western worlds.

Washington official quarters said that while new talks would be needed to merge the three western zones, the scope of the wrecked conference might be much wider.

Most Germans could foresee only the despair and continuance of the suspended state in which Germany has existed since war's end.

Mr. James Byrnes, former United States Secretary of State, called in Washington last night for a Three-Power 40-year non-aggression pact for Germany and a fullscale conference — without Russia, if necessary to write the peace treaties for Germany and Austria.

In both cases "the door should be left open" for Russia's participation, Mr. Byrnes stressed.

The Soviet-sponsored Socialist Unity Party's Berlin newspaper "Neues Deutschaland" in a leader to appear to-day attributes the Conference adjournment to the question of reparations, which it says, could still be settled.

The Deputy Chairman of the Soviet Zone Liberal Democrats, while expressing regret over the failure to reach an agreement, did not expect any "immediate changes" either in Berlin or in the Western zone.

SOVIET EXORBITANT DEMANDS

In proposing the adjournment of the Council yesterday, Mr. Marshall said, "We have reached quite evidently a fundamental difference regarding the question of reparations. Mr. Molotov's last statement seemed to me a repetition of statements which we largely felt were without foundation.

"We have failed to reach agreement on a treaty for Austria because the Soviet Union has demanded for itself properties and special privileges in Austria, to an extend which far exceed any rightful claim and which far exceed what a free Austria can afford.

"If Soviet claims were admitted it would be at the price of Austrian independence and in violation of past agreement.

"The Soviet Union has refused to furnish vitally necessary information with respect of reparations removals. Thus we have been asked to reach agreement while information essential to such agreement is withheld by the Soviet representatives".

Mr. Marshall said the Soviet Union demanded reparations for itself and Poland of 10,000 million dollars at 1938 values, which was at least 15,000 million dollars today.

This demand was not in accordance with the Potsdam Agreement.

"It is utterly impossible of achievement on practical economic grounds. It implies the establishment of an economic power so comprehensive that it would be in reality power of life and death over any German Government.

"It was clear that agreement could be reached only under conditions which would not only enslave the German people, but would seriously retard the recovery of all Europe".

Mr. Marshall ended: "It seems impossible at this time to make practical progress. Therefore I reluctantly conclude that no useful purpose would be served by a debate on the other points on our agenda and I suggest that the Council of Foreign Ministers might now consider adjournment of this session".

Monsieur Bidault denied the statement made last Friday by the Soviet Foreign Minister that the French Government had joined the Governments of Britain and United States in wanting to end the delivery of reparations.

"The Soviet Delegation", Mr. Mo-

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lotov said, "cannot accept this situation".

He said that while reparations from current production would benefit the Allies, the Germans themselves would not lose by it. But since there was no agreement on this subject the Soviet delegation had to conclude that there would be no change in the policy into the Western zones.

"The Soviet Delegation cannot accept the French, British and United States policy of hampering the rehabilitation of Germany by not allowing reparations from current production", he said.

Mr. Molotov then proposed that "to avoid delaying the general discussion", the rest of the Soviet economi: draft should be considered.

Mr. Bevin strongly condemned the meagre achievements of the Conference so far.

Referring to Mr. Molotov's statement of last Friday, he said: "I feel that a new situation has been created. My country, among others, has been falsely accused for propganda purposes of taking things out of Germany. This is quite untrue".

The British people had gone without food to provide food for Germany and make good a shortage created by failure to establish economic unity in accordance with the Potsdam Agreement.

"History will be our witness", Mr. Bevin said.

He complained that nothing of a fundamental character had been settled at the present Conference. The Soviet Union had insisted on precedence being given to the question of reparation on which he had "always kept an open mind until other questions are settled".

After Mr. Marshall had proposed adjournment Mr. Molotov said that it was clear that Mr. Bevin and Mr. Marshall were acting according to one plan. Neither, he said, had stuck to the agenda and both had ignored the Soviet proposals.

M. Molotov had not disputed what the other two had said. It was apparent, Mr. Molotov said, that the three delegations had taken up a common front against reparations for the Soviet Union.

He pointed out that the Austrian question had been raised although it was not on the agenda and he affirmed that the Soviet position had not been correctly stated. The position of Austria, Mr. Molotov said, was that the French delegation had put up new proposals and the Soviet delegation had studied them.

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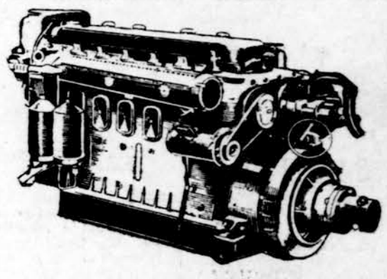

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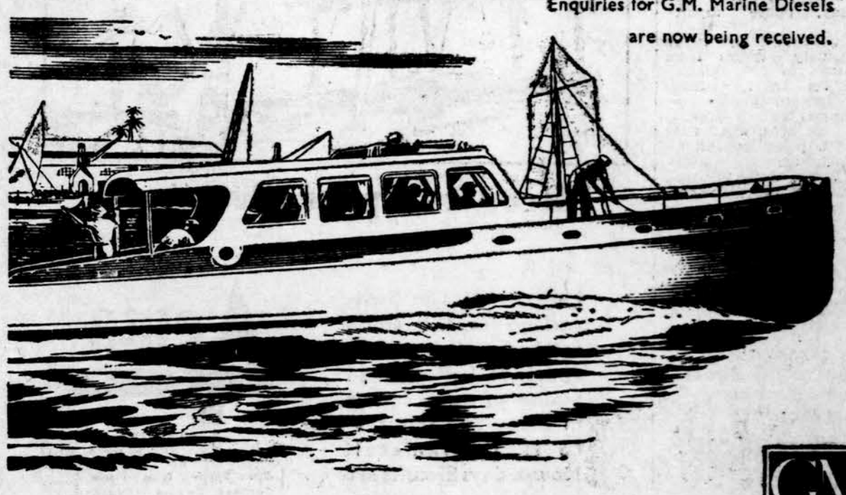

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Today's Engagements

BOMBAY GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the Bombay Geographical Association, Prof. R. N. Sukeshwala of St. Xavier's College will deliver a lecture on "The Crust" at Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Institution, Opp. Charni Road Rly. Station today (Wednesday) at 6 p.m.

SIDDHARTH COLLEGE, BOMBAY: Her Excellency Countess Mountbatten accompanied by Lady Colville will pay a visit to the Siddharth College today (Wednesday) between 12-45 p.m. to 12-55.

ROBERT MONEY SCHOOL: Foundation-stone laying ceremony of the Technical Department by His Excellency Earl Mountbatten today at 9-30 a.m.

ALEXANDRA GIRLS ENGLISH INSTITUTION: Annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Institution today at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.), the Hon'ble Mr. M. C. Chagla will preside and Mrs. Chagla will distribute the prizes.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Dreams and Dreamers" a talk to be followed by Questions and Answers today (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

X'MAS TREE FESTIVAL: Mayo Road Y. W. C. A today (Wednesday) at 5-30 p.m. for members and friends. Gifts for refugees welcome.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: Meeting today (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. (B.T.).

ARRIVAL OF HAJ PILGRIMS: Pilgrim Ship 'Rizwani' sailed from Jedda on the 11th instant with 1,441 pilgrims, says a press note. She will disembark about 1,155 pilgrims at Karachi and the rest at Bombay.

MOTHER GLORIA'S LECTURE: The patroness of Mazdaznan—Mother Gloria—who has just returned from an extensive tour of America and Europe, will deliver a public lecture today (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. at Sir C. J. Hall on "The Mazdaznan Message"

SOCIALIST PARTY: The sixth annual conference of the Socialist Party which was to have been held at Nasik in the last week of December has now been postponed at the request of the Maharashtra Branch of the Party. The conference will now be held in the first week of February, 1948.

P. A. WADIA ELECTED STUDENTS' FEDERATION R. C. CHAIRMAN

Prof. P. A. Wadia has been elected the Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Conference of the All-India Students' Federation to be held in Bombay on December 29, 30, 31 and January 1 in Kamgar Maidan.

More than 1,300 delegates are expected to participate in the conference. There will be a show of physical demonstration in which more than 1,000 students will participate. There will also be a cultural show on the last day of the conference.

HINDUSTANI WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The regional meeting of the Bombay Government's Hindustani Board and a conference of Hindustani workers will be held at Anand on December 17 and 18. The conference will discuss the question of national language and script and recommend to the Government steps to be taken for the propagation of Hindusthani.

REGISTRATION FOR PURE COW'S MILK

The P. R. O. (Rationing) writes:—It is proposed to determine the demand for pure cow's milk for domestic consumption under the Milk Distribution Scheme. Intending consumers are requested to register their approximate daily demand at the respective Milk Distributing Centres, before December 31, 1947.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Dec. 17, (Wednesday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)— 7-30 a.m. Geet Manthan 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 B. G Joshi (Violin) 8-45 T. A. Motinath (Thumri) 9-0 Haribhau Ghangrekar (Vocal) 12-0 Variety programme (H, U and H) 12-45 p.m. News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Variety 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch Hour 4-20 School Broadcasts 5-0 B. G. Joshi (Violin) 5-15 Shrimatibai Narvekar (Vocal) 5-45 News (E) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Shamohudas Deshpande (Vocal) 6-30 T. A. Motinath 6-45 K. V. Desai (Vocal) 7-0 Shrimatibai Narvekar (Vocal) 7-30 Reading of latest short story 7-45 Geeten 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Poetry reading in Gujarati by Ranna Mehta 9-45 Makla Magni (Marathi feature by N. R. Ambikar) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Psychologist Speaks Kleptomania (E) 10-0 Shrimatibai Narvekar (Vocal) 10-30 Haribhau Ghangrekar (Vocal).

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61.48 m (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 K. V. Desai (Vocal) 8-15 Shambudas Deshpande (M songs) 9-0 Haribhau Ghangrekar (Vocal) 9-30 T. A. Motinath (Thumri) 10-0 Chamber Music

"KUMPANAVAROON" ON A. I. R.

Professor Ranade's "Kumpanavaroon" has been adapted for the radio. This drama which deals with the ordeals an ugly looking person undergoes to transform himself into a handsome man with a view to win a woman's heart raises subtle psychological problems.

All-India Radio, Bombay will broadcast this play at 8-30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18th with Vimal Ghaisas, Prashant Pande, Lily Ezekiel and A. G. Bhende, in the cast.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

Forecast till the morning of 18-12-47: There may be a few showers in the Hyderabad State the Bombay Karnatak and the south Konkan-patti. Outlook for subsequent 2 days: Rainless weather generally.

Police Officer Belaboured

Sequel To Mistaken Identity

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A Sub-Inspector of the Bombay Police who was severely belaboured by three police constables who mistook the officer for a man making obscene overtures to a strange lady, is admitted in a local hospital.

The victim of the attack is Sub-Inspector Gajendragadkar. It is learnt that the officer, who was in "civies" was going along, near Kennedy Bridge, when he espied a woman soliciting. He put her under arrest. The woman raised a hue and cry, attracting the attention of passers-by.

Some men went to her rescue and remonstrated with the police officer, under the impression that he was trying to kidnap her. Three sectional policemen, who came running to the spot, gave a good thrashing to the Sub-Inspector, not knowing that he was a policeman, discharging his normal duties.

When the assailants learnt that it was not a "badmash" they were beating up, but an officer of the city police, it was too late. Mr. Gajendragadkar was already on the ground, profusely bleeding. His erstwhile assailants however, rushed him to the hospital as soon as they realised their mistake.

Another case of mistaken identity which took place in Dadar, very nearly led to a serious disturbance of the peace during the last 48 hours. A tipsy man, who was dodling along at Dadar near a place of worship, tripped and fell down. In the resultant hurt, his head began to bleed. Somebody nearby picked him up. A group of men who saw the bleeding man, in the midst of a number of persons, arrayed themselves for a battle royal. Before the police could come on the scene, a shop was looted, and one person assaulted.

DETENU RELEASED

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar.)

Sadashiv Hari Modak. .. Petitioner.
vs.
The District Magistrate, East Khandesh and Another....Opponents.

This was a "habeas corpus" application for an order that one Gambhir Shravan Patil who was being detained be set at liberty. The detenu, a friend of the petitioner, was a resident of Amalner. By an order dated 1st July 1947 made by the District Magistrate of East Khandesh he was arrested under the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, "inter alia" on the ground that he advocated the use of violent methods and carried on subversive propaganda which threatened the peace and tranquility of the town, and was ordered to be detained in the District Prison at Dhulia in West Khandesh.

The petitioner contended that the detenu was being illegally detained and challenged the detention order "inter alia" on the grounds that it was a stereotyped order issued mechanically and that it ordered the detenu to be detained outside the jurisdiction of the Magistrate who issued the order.

Their Lordships held that the District Magistrate of East Khandesh had no power to order a person to be detained outside his jurisdiction and therefore ordered that the detenu be set at liberty.

Mr. R. Patel with Mr. G. S. Gupte appeared for the petitioner. The Advocate-General with the Government Pleader appeared for the opponents.

FIRE CAUSES CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE

Asian Insurance Co's Records Miraculously Saved

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

All the records, policies, important documents, cheques and cash of the Asian Life Assurance Co., Ltd. were miraculously saved in the huge fire which broke out on Monday evening. The fire originated on the second floor where there are a number of offices, and spread upwards on the third floor which is occupied by the Asian Life Assurance Co., Ltd. Owing to some carpentary work which is going on the third floor, the wooden doors were removed and the entrances were closed down by bricks. This prevented the flames going inside the third floor and instead raised to the fourth floor which is occupied by Mr J. N. Heredia, the General Manager of the Asian Assurance Co. and Mr. J Sodder who has occupied a flat on the other side of Mr. Heredia.

Nearly a dozen members of the family of Mr. Heredia and about half a dozen of Mr. Sodder's family were saved by the Fire Brigade but all their belongings were lost except the clothes they had put on. All the valuables, clothes and furniture of Mr Heredia and Mr. Sodder were destroyed by the fire.

The fire originated at about 6-30 p.m. in the Asian Building situated at Ballard Estate, and in spite of the best efforts of Mr. Norman Coomba, the Chief Officer and his deputy Mr. M. G. Pradhan and other officers the fire spread to the third and the fourth floor. Mr. Coombs and Mr. Pradhan went personally up to the fourth floor to rescue those who were trapped in the flames and smoke and succeeded in removing all down below to the place of safety. The cause of fire is not known and the damage is not yet estimated but is likely to be considerable. The office of the Asian Life Assurance Co. having escaped any damage is considered a miracle.

"Flashlight"

The "Flashlight" is one of the brightest additions to periodical journalism of this city. It is beautifully illustrated and well got up. Its outstanding feature is its frontispiece of a satire in picture on our social life. It is published from Currimji Building 111, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay.

City Protest Strike

Kamgar Union Supports Socialist Move

Mr. S. . Patkar, General Secretary, Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag) has issued the statement, supporting the call for general strike on December 29, in which "inter alia" he says:

My Union has been in the forefront of the workers' struggle against the unjust awards of the Arbitration Court and against the delays and imcompetance of the Labour Department. During the last 2 years, thousands of textile workers in Bombay have waged heroic battles against the injustice. My Union and the textile workers are glad that workers in the other industries have realised the injustice and have decided to stand up and fight.

I hope that the workers in other industries will also sink their differences and strike unitedly. My Union, however, feels that the workers should express themselves on some other vital issues also like de-control and supression of civil liberties.

Joglekar Welcomes It

Mr. K. N. Joglekar, Secretary All-India Forward Bloc writes:

I welcome the decision of the Socialist Party to observe one day General Strike to protest against the labour policy and methods of the present Government.

The All-India Trade Union Congress has all along been opposed to the methods of compulsory Arbitration and now the experience has shown how correct the policy of the "Aituc" is. There is no reason why the Socialist should now pretend any differences with the "Aituc" and keep out of it.

Compulsory Arbitration in industrial disputes is the accepted policy of the Government's every where and hence it would not suffice to confine the issue to one province only or to throw the whole blame on bureaucracy alone. We hope the Socialist Party will take up the matter on an All-India basis in the same earnestness as they have done in Bombay.

RUSSIA'S LOAN TO CZECH GOVT.

PRAGUE, Dec. 16 (Reuter): The Soviet Union is to grant the Czech Government credit of 150 million crowns, because Czechoslovakia would not otherwise be able to pay in 1948 for the grain she is to receive from Russia the Czecholovakia Minister of Foreign Trade said here today.

The loan which is to be repaid with interest was described by the Minister, as "advantage" to Czech exports in 1949 and 1950.

KEEP ALOOF FROM PARTY POLITICS

U. P. Premier's Advice To Benares University Students

BENARES Dec. 15. (API): Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, Premier of U. P., addressing the students and staff of the Benares Hindu University yesterday expressed the opinion that the educational institutions should remain aloof from party politics. He regretted that the people of the country were still divided in different sects. Now that independence hal been achieved they must realise their great responsibilities and the heavy task which lay ahead to make India a paradise in the world in which all could live with peace plenty and harmony.

The Premier congratulated the students of the University for their magnificent part in the freedom struggle of the country and hoped that in future also they would continue their glorious tradition of selfless service for the country.

Passenger, Assault Tram Conductor

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

An altercation between a Tram Conductor and a passenger yesterday at Lal Baug, resulted a head, when the conductor was assaulted by some men sitting in the tram. But the trouble did not subside there.

The conductor who ran for safety to the Lal Baug Cabin was pursued by the angry men and beaboured again. The tram Chawkie at Lal Baug was also smashed up.

The extent of the confusion which followed the altercation can be assessed by the fact that last evening the 'K' route bus service had to be suspended for 1-1/2 hours.

CORRECTION

In our issue of Tuesday (December 16) we regret that through inadvertance a photograph of Dr C H Nair, M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P. appeared with his surname wrongly spelt as "Nayapa".

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 16. (API.) The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures for the last 24 hours and the total rainfall in inches from November 1st 1947 recorded at 98.00 hours on 16-12-47.

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Daily Weather Summary

POONA, Dec. 16

Following is the weather summary for Tuesday, the 16th December, 1947:—

The depression in the Bay of Bengal became unimportant by last evening. Rainfall has been widespread in Orissa, Chota Nagpur, the Madras Deccan and local in south Hyderabad, Mysore Malabar, south-east Madras and the north Madras coast. There have also been a few showers in Bengal, the east Central Provinces, the Bombay Deccan and north Hyderabad. Night temperatures have been markedly below normal in Rajputana, West Central India and presumably in the Punjab.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 19TH EVENING: Rainfall will be local in south-east Madras, the Madras Deccan, Mysore and Malabar. A few showers are likely along the north Madras Coast, in south Hyderabad and the south Bombay Deccan.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A political leader is not only responsible for the way he leads, but also for what is done by those he leads. Sometimes he does not know that, often he does not want that; but he is responsible all the same."

—LENIN.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE KARACHI DECISION

On the eve of the meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League, most speculations and comments were centered around the natural expectation that the Council would decide to wind up the organisation. That was what the force of circumstances and the situation demanded as the only wise and logical thing to do. The leaders of the All-India Muslim League have, however, decided otherwise: they would keep the Muslim League essentially as it is, but nominally divided into two separate and independent organisations. It is difficult to explain this decision except on two assumptions: First that the League leaders, while ostensibly freeing the Indian Muslims, yet want to keep them bound to Pakistan by a political chain, however indirect. Secondly, they would rather preserve the evil than rise above the average human reluctance to subordinate prestige to the confession and correction of a tragic blunder. For, the Muslim League, with its political communalism and two-nation theory, represents a tragic blunder. It brought about the division of India whereby Muslims have suffered most. Mr. Jinnah and his achievements have left his Muslim followers in the Indian Union in the condition of orphans of the storm. And so far as Pakistan is concerned there is, while being denied the opportunity to progress and prosper like any other part of India, no guarantee that it is not threatened with the life of a "poor relation" to another country.

Prestige, short-sightedness and self-interest have come between the leaders of the Muslim League and what was their undoubted obligation: the liquidation of the Muslim League together with all that it stood for. But, paradoxical as it may seem, Muslims of the Indian Union should really welcome the Karachi decision as a boon. They cannot keep themselves enslaved to the Muslim League which cannot be separated from all traditions and associations. The dangers of being linked to a Muslim League are obvious and serious. It has to be repudiated and discarded. The advantage of the Karachi resolution lies in the fact that if the Council itself had decided upon liquidation, the winding up would have been in obedience to the direction of outsiders and might have been interpreted to suggest divided loyalties on the part of Indian Muslims. Now, they have been given the positive opportunity themselves to repudiate and discard the Muslim League and establish their "bona fides" as Indian citizens with undivided loyalty to the Indian Union. This they must do because there is no reason, no justification and no need for any communal organisation, be it the Muslim League, the Hindu Mahasabha or the Akali Party, in the Indian Union because it is a secular and democratic State without reservation and without discrimination. Political communalism has no room in such a State. And for a minority like the Muslims such political communalism would be disastrous not only because of past associations but also in terms of future interests. Muslims in India can serve their interests only by ceasing to be communally political. They must finish with the Muslim League once and for all. And they are doing so, too. The signs are most unmistakable. Indeed, a significant recognition of this sign comes from the leaders of the Muslim League themselves who, it is very interesting to note, had to choose a Madras leader and a city like Madras to try to keep the evil alive. This Karachi resolution should, as we have pointed out, be used to mark a clear, positive and decisive turning point in the political life of Indian Muslims who should now turn to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and the forthcoming Lucknow convention for the right lead.

Nor is the Karachi resolution a boon for Pakistan. Prestige, again, has intervened in the case of Pakistan, too. If Pakistan is to exist at all, it must exist as a secular, strictly non-communal State. But that means confessing the fraud of the two-nation theory. It cannot be clearly confessed. Therefore, the Muslim League should continue to function, as such, in Pakistan. To change Pakistan's most representative, but communal organisation so that it includes non-Muslims and thus ceases to be a "Muslim" League, is to repudiate the two-nation theory. Yet Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy has uttered no more than the exact and irrevocable truth when, pleading for such a change, he says: "...it seems incredible to me that a political party be established here (in Pakistan) controlling the Government, which will exclude a section of the people by its very constitution...If they do that, that would be Fascism, not democracy." Mr Suhrawardy's words do not need to be improved upon. The longer the leaders of Pakistan evade repudiation of the myth of a Muslim "Nation", the longer they hesitate to liquidate their Muslim League, the worse would be the jeopardy in which they will be placing the future of Pakistan.

Industrial Policy

The question that probably interested the Associated Chambers of Commerce most when it was addressed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on Monday was the future position of European or rather foreign business interests in India. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru made it clear that, as India needed to be industrialised as rapidly as possible, she would undoubtedly require foreign assistance in various forms at least for several years to come provided that no such assistance compromised in any way her economic independence. It follows that British business will no longer enjoy any of the special previleges or safeguards it has enjoyed these many years. We particularly need technical experts and we would welcome them from all parts of the world. We may need foreign capital, too, and we shall welcome it, as Pandit Nehru said, "on favourable terms like a business transaction." India has always been and will continue to be hospitable to foreigners in everyway. But never again will she allow her own interests to be sacrificed by them. What part Britain will have in India's co-operation with the world will doubtless depend, to some extent, on the way the question of our sterling balances is solved.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce were also interested, along with other businessmen in India, in the Government of India's attitude towards private enterprise. Here, too, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru made it clear that the deciding factor was rapid industrialisation and, at the moment, maximum production. And he specifically added that under such a policy "a large field would still be left over for private enterprise." As a Congress Minister he had to emphasise the point that "some of the basic industries would have to be State-owned or generally to be State controlled." So broadly stated as it has been any number of times by every Congress Government for months past, the proposition is unexceptionable. Nor is it possible to take exception to Pandit Jawaharlal's remark that "in any kind of real planning it was inevitable to have a measure of State direction and control." But such broad generalisations, however safe for all occasions, do not take one far. Is it not yet time for Congress Government to be a little more precise about State ownership and State control?

It is much to be hoped that the Industries Conference convened by the Government of India and now in session at Delhi will lead to a fullfledged industrial plan defining in clearer tems Governments proposals of ownership and control. In his opening speech at the Conference Dr. S. P. Mukerjee, Minister for Industries and Supplies, reminded the public that "it has been embodied in our constitution that this nation shall live and prosper as a Socialist Republic". By way of a suggestion for general State control Mr. G. D. Tapase Minister for Industries, Bombay, said that both the Central and Provincial Governments should create a whole-time agency for the implementation of such industrial plans as the Governments in question have decided on. That, of course, presupposes the formulation of plans. The conference will not have fulfilled its purpose if it does not formulate fairly definite proposals for at least a tentative plan.

Frankly Speaking

A Welcome Merger

It is very good news, indeed, that almost all the States in Orissa have signed an agreement by which they will be merged in the Indian Union. They will hereafter be administered by the Government of Orissa and the Raja in each State will receive from the revenues of his State annually a fixed amount sufficient to cover all the expenses of the family. The agreement is obviously due to the smallness of the States and the great advantage to all concerned from their merging in the province of Orissa. The Rulers deserve to be congratulated on their decision. We feel certain that the few remaining States in Orissa will follow suit very soon. Nay, the movement is destined to spread to the whole country and will not stop till all the tiny States are absorbed in the Union. How soon the movement spreads will doubtless depend upon the efforts of the people and the good sense of the Rulers concerned.

Damodar Valley Project

The Central Legislative Assembly had no difficulty whatsoever in referring to a Select Committee Mr. N. V. Gadgil's bill to provide for the establishment of a corporation to develop the Damodar Valley in the provinces of Bihar and West Bengal. This big project will, on the one hand, prevent the annual loss of about Rs. 25 lakhs owing to floods and, on the other, bring about nine lakhs of acres under cultivation. It will also generate 300,000 k. w. of electricity and it is estimated that, if water and thermal energy can be combined, there will be a saving of Rs. 60 lakhs. Moreover, the scheme will bring a plentiful supply of water to many districts which now suffer from water scarcity in summer. Finally, it is expected to make available every year Rs. 50 lakhs worth of fish, a matter of no small importance to districts frequently suffering from food scarcity. Altogether, the scheme promises to be a boon to lakhs of people in various ways and add to the prosperity of the country as a whole. There are before the Government, several other schemes, large and small, benefiting other provinces and it is to be hoped they will be taken up without any avoidable delay.

Scientific Research

Inaugurating the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the College of Technology of the Hindu University, Mr. B. G. Kher referred to the vast natural resources of India which could add much to the wealth of the country if only they were scientifically exploited. But such exploitation has so far been very disappointing, though we have numerous Science scholars capable of doing valuable research work, if given the necessary facilities. Mr. Kher himself observed that among the civilised countries of the world probably India was lacking most in the application of Science as well as in research. But this is not due to lack of talent. Our higher scientific studies need to be more practical and more specialised. We also need better facilities for scientific research, and it is no use relying too much on the industrialists to provide them.

Duty Of Government

Research is a costly job and demands heavy expenditure by the State. Prof. Meghnad Saha of the Calcutta University, who recently returned from an extensive tour of Europe, points out what big studies European countries are making in scientific research. And he regrets, not without cause, that the Government of India is not expediting scientific work on a national scale. At the present pace of following up the announcement of big schemes with actual work, he expects seven years will be required before the buildings for laboratories are complete and filled with apparatus. We fear there is force in his bitter remark that though we have liberated ourselves from alien rule, we are not yet free from the old procrastinating methods. As scientific research is essential for increasing the wealth of the country and even for its defence, expenditure thereon is an investment and demands high priority.

Unwise And Unnecessary

A rally of workers representing over sixty Labour unions in the city have decided to stage a one-day token strike on the 29th "to protest against the inefficiency of the existing machinery of arbitration and the general unsatisfactory Labour policy of the Government of Bombay". The rally has also made several demands, economic and political. Now one can quite understand the unsatisfactory position of the workers in the city and sympathise with them in their hard uphill efforts to improve it. But if it is intended to persuade Government to change its policy, a strike, however brief, is hardly the fittest method to achieve the object. In the aggregate it reduces production at a time when it is alarmingly low and every effort needs to be made to increase it. It also alienates the sympathy of the public. At best it may show the united strength of the strikers. But that is an unnecessary and unhelpful show. A far better way is to send a delegation to Government with constructive suggestions as to how precisely the Government's policy can be improved. Workers should, in their own interest, beware of being hustled into unnecessary, futile, unwise strikes. We still hope the proposed protest will take a more rational form.

EAST PUNJAB RICE FORECAST

JULLUNDUR, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.): The total area under rice in East Punjab is estimate at 4,24,000 acres as compared with 4,39,900 acres and 4,70,300 acres estimated in corresponding forecast and final forecast respectively of last year, it is officially announced.

New Dutch Move Against Republican Capital?

Indonesian Premier Alleges Massing In Forward Position In Java

BATAVIA, Dec. 16. (Reuter): Dr. Sjarifuddin, Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, declared to-day that sufficient Dutch troops were massing in forward positions in Java to constitute a threat to the Republican capital of Jogjakarta.

He was speaking on board the United States navy transport Renville, the vessel on which Dutch-Indonesian peace negotiations under United Nation's mediation are taking place, in Batavia harbour.

He was unable to say whether the presence of Dutch troops was meant as a threat to Jogjakarta, he said, but it certainly gave the impression that something might happen in the near future.

Dr. Sjarifuddin said he agreed with an appeal for support made today by the Republican Socialist Party to Socialists throughout Asia.

DUTCH DENIAL.

A Netherlands East Indies Government spokesman later emphatically denied that there was any concentration of Dutch troops threatening Jogjakarta. There was no question of any new Dutch move against the Republican capital, he said.

The Netherlands News Agency reported to-day from the west Java capital of Bandoeng that "Extremists" had shot at delegates from the district of Tjiamis while they were on other way to the West Java conference at which Indonesians, prepared to co-operate with the Dutch were expected to seek a separate State or autonomous status for the 12,000,000 Sundanese people formerly in the Republic.

About 25 Indonesians, including some former members of the Republican army, were temporarily arrested when they demonstrated outside the conference hall.

Dr. Sjarifuddin said the Republic would have to raise the West Java question with the Security Council's "good offices" Committee if a new State was formed.

He endorsed the remarks made earlier by Dr. Mohamed Roem, Republican Minister of the Interior that the Republican Government would ask the United Nations to conduct a plebiscite in "Dutch-created Indonesian States" if present conciliation efforts failed.

To-day's Dutch 'communique' accused the Republican Government of trying to obstruct and retard negotiations while strengthening its own economic position.

SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS.

The members of the "Good Offices" Commission considered that separate discussions with Dutch and Indonesian delegations were proving the most fruitful way of settling their dispute, the Netherlands News Agency reported "authoritatively".

Answering claims that the Dutch were bringing economic pressure against the Republic, the Netherlands Government 'communique' said resumption of normal trade relations with the Republic was "out of the question" while it encouraged "terrorisation and intimidation". It accused the Republicans of exporting goods—"at the expense of their rightful owners"—worth £17,50,000 to raise a fighting fund.

Making the Republican plebiscite demand, Dr. Roem said his Government considered that all the Dutch East Indies except areas still controlled by the Republican Government were ruled undemocratically. The republic would take a similar attitude, he added, if the dutch formed a state of west Javahat the request of the "United Indonesia" committee.

Reporting that the organisation of the Netherlands army was to-day directed towards facilitating despatch of troops to Indonesia, the Netherlands War Minister told the Lower House of Parliament at the Hague to-day that the strength of troops of the Royal Netherlands army in the East Indies would next year average about 84,200.

The Minister disclosed that 716 men of the Royal Netherlands army and the Royal Netherlands Indies army were killed between October 15, 1945, and Nov. 15, 1947, and a further 32 were missing.

Fusion of these two armies, which have been separate and distinct for 150 years, is a first aim of the War Ministry, Parliament was told.

SWISS DIPLOMAT TO VISIT INDIA

LONDON, December 16. (Reuter): The first Swiss diplomat to visit the Indian sub-continent since the transfer of power, Dr. Paul Ruegger, Swiss Minister in London, will fly to New Delhi today on what he described here last night as a "general mission of goodwill exploration and preparation for the future".

During a stay of several weeks he will create legations in New Delhi and Karachi, make cultural and educational contacts, study the refugee in the Punjab as an old worker for the international Red Cross and lecture at universities, his old profession before he entered the diplomatic service.

Br. Sloop Captures Chinese Junk

SINGAPORE, December 16. (Reuter): The British naval sloop "Amethyst" co-operating with Malay police in anti-piracy measures in the Straits of Malacca today intercepted a high-powered Tongkang (Chinese junk) and handed it over to police at Port Swettenham, Selangor.

The police had previously been handicapped by lack of craft fast enough to overtake Tongkangs—often motor-driven—suspected of piracy in the Straits.

Future Of India-Office Treasures

LONDON, Dec. 15, (Reuter): Disposal of the treasures of the old India Office in Whitehall, which include rare manuscripts, pictures by famous artists, and relics, records and furniture of the East India Company will be discussed in London by a British India and Pakistan Government Fact-Finding Committee it was learned today.

RAIDERS REPULSED IN JHANGAR AREA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16 (API.) A Defence Ministry communique tonight says: "An Indian army patrol engaged a band of raiders and inflicted casualties when the raiders made a vain attempt to infiltrate in the Jhangar area on the night of December 14/15. Our patrols, in the same areas, repulsed an attack by raiders who used automatic weapons and grenades.

"The raiders made an unsuccessful attempt to attack our positions in the Chhamb Area.

"Extensive patrolling continues in the Jammu Province.

"Inspite of bad weather Royal Indian Air Force aircraft carried out extensive reconnaissance."

Mallik To Head Havana Delegation

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.): Mr. H. S. Malik, High Commissioner for India in Canada, has temporarily taken over leadership of the Indian delegation to the International Conference on Trade and Employment at Havana. Mr. C. H. Bhabha is expected here before the end of this month and Sir Raghavan Pillai, Deputy Leader, by about December 20.

Plebiscite In Junagadh

RAJKOT, Dec. 16 (API.) Mr. N. M. Buch, Regional Commissioner, Western India and Gujarat States, told a press conference here today that the stage for holding a plebiscite in Junagadh would be set shortly with the arrival of a special officer from Bombay.

ECHO OF IMPERIAL BANK ROBBERY

CALCUTTA, December 16. (A.P.I.): A Bengali woman and her two sons were arrested by the Calcutta police this evening following a search of their house in South Calcutta in South Calcutta in connection with the recent Imperial Bank Robbery Case, in which about Rs. 98,000 were looted by an armed gang. The police, it is alleged, recovered two unlicensed revolvers and 24 rounds of cartridges in course of the search.

Eight persons were arrested previously in this connection and part of the looted money was recovered.

Woman And Daughter Thrown Out Of Train

BHOPAL, December 16. (A.P.I.): Two women, Chand Rani and her daughter Satwant Kaur, travelling to Delhi by the Grand Trunk Express, are reported to have been attacked by unknown persons near Bhilsa.

The victims, who are described as the wife and daughter of Sardar Karam Singh, a retired officer of the Central Provinces Public Works Department, were brought to Bhopal by the Punjab Mail and admitted to the local women's hospital.

It is stated that they were going to Delhi to stay with Mahatma Gandhi at Birla House.

PLIGHT OF COMMERCE IN WEST PUNJAB

KARACHI, December 16. (A.P.I.): Sardar Shaukat Hyat Khan, Revenue Minister in the West Punjab Government, in an interview here today said: "Where commerce is concerned we were greatly handicapped—99 per cent. of our trade was in the hands of outgoing non-Muslims. We have had to deal with the rice crop which came immediately after the communal disturbances and floods. Similarly, the cotton crop was a worry".

Mysore Lines Up With Indian Provinces

BANGALORE, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.): The Mysore Representative Assembly yesterday adopted an amendment to the Criminal Procedure Code giving power to the High Court of Mysore to issue writs of "habeas corpus" in the same way as High Courts of Indian Provinces. The Assembly also passed Payment of Wages Bill to bring law in this respect line with that of the Indian Provinces.

Uma Shankar Dixit

BOMBAY, Dec. 15. (A. P. I.): Mr. Uma Shanker Dixit, Secretary of the Marwari Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, who has been appointed Custodian of Refugee Property in the Ministry of Refugees, by the Government of India, left for Delhi this evening to take charge of the new office.

Socialist Party Annual Conference Postponed

BOMBAY, Dec. 16. (A.P.I.): The sixth annual conference of the Socialist Party, which was to have been held at Nasik in the last week of December, has been postponed at the request of the Maharashtra branch of the party. The conference will now be held in the first week of February 1948.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

The Scientific and Commodity Committees of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have begun their sittings in New Delhi, which will continue till December 23.

SIR CHIMANLAL SETALVAD

By S. G. VELINKER

So much has been said in the Press of the public life and manifold activities, socal, economical, educational and political, of Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, one of the few all India's veteran and most eminent leaders, that little is left which can be usefully added to that aspect of his career; little, however, has been said of his professional eminence as an advocate and much may be implemented by his colleagues at the Bar of the Bombay High Court, which will be useful and interesting not only to the profession but also to the lay public. Still less has been said about Sir Chimanlal as a private individual and a friend. Having had the privilege and the pleasure of having been a personal friend of his for many many years, I would like to crave the hospitality of your columns to say a word about Sir Chimanlal not as a politician or public man but as an advocate and a friend

POWERFUL ADVOCACY

As an advocate, I have had the plasure of being associated with him at the bar for over half a century and may claim to speak with a certain amount of authority. The outstanding feature of Sir Chimanlal as an advocate was his powerful advocacy and presentation of his case, however— difficult it might be which compelled the close attention of the Bench and turn the scales in his favour. Always most respectful to the Bench, he was nevertheless assertive and stuck to his guns till the last ditch. He never pressed a bad point. His logic was always sound. He was never long-winded but very clear, concise and precise in his argument. His delivery was highly persuasive and his demeanour in court most dignified and such as to command the respect of the Bench. His language was uncommonly attractive and he commanded an enormous and most lucrative practice both in Bombay and in the mofussil. He was a particularly able draftsman and his petitions and applications were singularly attractive. He never pressed any point which was not well-thought out; and his services were in great demand. It would take much more than the space I can reasonably claim in the columns of your paper to enumerate the characteristics of his advocacy. — suffice it to say that as an advocate he was "Facile Princeps" and almost unrivalled at the Bar and very few even in the days of Inverarity and other giants at the Bar excelled or even equalled him.

Sir Chimanlal attracted attention and invited popularity and gained it even in the earlier days of his practice. He treated his opponents at the Bar with great consideration and was most unassuming in his demeanour. The Bench appreciated his advocacy and treated him with very great respect. The public appreciated him as a valiant champion to plead and support their legal rights.

I have no experience of his as a judge because for the short period during which he sat on the Bench of the Bombay High Court I was away in Europe.

A CHARMING FRIEND

And now I shall speak of Sir Chimanlal as a friend leaving aside his career as a member of the Executive Council of the Government of Bombay and Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University. As a friend Sir Chimanlal was most genial and amiable. He had a most cheerful disposition and he brought an atmosphere of cheerfulness the moment he put in his appearance in the company of his friends. He never talked shop or glorified his own achievements. In short he was the most universally liked person wherever he went. An speaking generally of him it is remarkable that he kept himself busy till he took ill a few month ago

Sir Chimanlal as a friend was most genial and enjoyed a good joke sometimes even at his own expense. He readily joined in and took pleasure in the pleasure of his friends. He was most fond of making a joke and of recounting many interesting anecdotes. He enjoyed amongst his friends games of chance and was a daring player. He was a good loser and paid up his losses with a smile. In short he was most amiable and dearly loved by his friends.

I have already said that he kept himself busy almost till his death. He was the Chairman of several associations and companies and it is suprising how active he was in spite of his advanced age.

His letters appeared in the "Times of India" and other dailies whenever some question of real public importance arose, for instance, very recently he wrote from his experiences extending over half a century in the High Court, on the subject of the abolition of the duel system and the establishment of a civil court in Bombay. Sir Chimanlal was not an idealist; he was eminently a most practical person and his long and numerous activities in all departments of public life had given him a broad outlook on the problems of life. He was very independent in his opinions and fearlessly expressed them on all public questions. There are very few persons in this vast continent who possess the brilliance of Sir Chimanlal's intellect or his versatality. His passing away will be mourned throughout his country and he has left a void which it will be very difficult to fill up. In my opinion he deserves a monument as a tribute to his memory or some other appreciation of his long invaluable services to the public.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

At the end of the meeting addressed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on Sunday a gun, which was confiscated in 1921 from the late Pandit Motilal Nehru, was returned to Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

—Allahabad Report.

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We are surprised at those who feel surprised over the Karachi decision to keep a Muslim League going in the Indian Union.

Why should any owner or owners give away his or their material and human property completely and emancipate their slaves save in principle?

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The Council has named, as convener of the Indian Muslim League, Mr. Md. Ismail of Madras with the instruction that the convention too, be called at Madras.

We are delighted that the recipient of the honour has been carefully chosen and has been given specific injunction to hold the convention at Madras and nowhere else

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The Muslim League Council has also passed another resolution, in which it has reminded the Governments of India and Pakistan that they jointly gave the most categorical assurances to their respective minorities of full protection etc., etc.

We are very glad that the Muslim League Council has reminded—er—both the Governments

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The Council further hoped that both Governments would realise their responsibility in the (above) matter and prepare after joint deliberations a charter of Minorities' Rights.

No, no, NO! How can that be? This proposal was originally mooted by that man, Abul Kalam Azad. And—good heavens, can't they realise the past, present and future implications of recognising him?

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Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy has issued a post-Council session statement asking that the Pakistan Muslim League be thrown open to non-Muslim Pakistani's too, because "it seems incredible to me that a political party be established here controlling the Government, which will exclude a section of the people by its very constitution".

Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy is at last waking up to incredibilities, isn't he?

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If the Pakistan League authorities "do that" (that is, the "incredible") then Mr. Suhrawardy anxiously urges, "that would be Fascism, not democracy".

But, so what?

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LONDON, Dec. 15: The Council of Foreign Ministers, after their longest session of the present conference, tonight decided to adjourn indefinitely.

And that's that.

COTTON SEED DERATIONED

Government of Bombay has by a Notification issued under the Bombay Essential Commodities and Cattle (Control) Act, 1946, derationed Cotton seeds with effect from January 1, 1948. The necessary notification will be published in Bombay Government "Gazette" of December 18, 1947.

47 THANA VILLAGES TO BE FREED OF RATIONING

From 1st January, 1948, 47 villages north of Greater Bombay, which belong to Thana District but which were continued in the Bombay Suburban rationed area, will cease to be rationed areas. These villages include areas covered by the Rationing Offices at Malad, Borivli, Bhandup and Mulund. Import of foodgrains into this area both by traders as well as consumers will be allowed without restriction about quantity, from 16th December, 1947, subject to the following conditions:—

Traders who wish to import foodgrains must possess a licence under the Foodgrains Control Order. These licences will be given freely on application to the Collector of Thana to those who do not already possess them. Consumers will be allowed to import any quantities of foodgrains provided they produce their ration card or permit to the Rationing Office of the area and get the coupons of the remaining week or weeks cancelled. The ration card or permit will then be stamped as valid for import and will serve as an import permit. This facility is given in order to enable consumers and traders in the area to bring in adequate stocks for their requirements after 1st January, 1948.

The procedure regarding imports between 16th and 31st December, 1947, into other cities and towns which are being derationed from 1st January, 1948, will be the same as above.

Contraband Gold Seized

KARACHI December 16. (A.P.I.): Contraband gold valued over Rs. 30,000 was seized by the local customs authorities from Arab dealers on board s.s. "Dumra", which arrived here from the Persian Gulf during the week-end.

PAKISTAN MINISTER FOR HYDERABAD

KARACHI, December 16. (A.P.I.): Mr. Gulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister, left by air for Hyderabad Deccan this morning.

He is expected in Karachi towards the end of this week.

LADY MOUNTBATTEN'S TRIBUTES TO CITY WOMEN'S DISTRESS RELIEF WORK

Mayor's Party To Governor-General: Visit To 'Norfolk' And Other Ships

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

High praise for the leading part played by Bombay in the field of social welfare work was given by Lady Mountbatten when she addressed a women's gathering representative of about 76 organisations at the Sunderbai Hall this morning.

Lady Mountbatten conveyed to the gathering the gratitude of millions of refugees whose camps she visited recently for the efforts made by social workers in Bombay to relieve their distress.

The reception was organised under the auspices of the Bombay Women's Distress Relief Committee. Among those present was Lady Colville.

Lady Masani, President of the Bombay Women's Distress Relief Committee, welcoming Lady Mountbatten, referred to the formation of the Committee and said that it was gratifying that institutions instead of working singly had joined together in the cause of the refugees She said that the Committee had dispatched goods of the approximate value of Rs. three and half lakhs in the last two months to the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation in New Delhi. She also stated that five members of the Congress Sevika Dal had volunteered to go to Kurukshetra to render help to the refugees.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT.

Lady Mountbatten said: "That the Bombay Women's Distress Relief Committee should in the first month of collection have been able to consign nearly 23,000 garments, 334 bales of cloth, and nearly 13,000 blankets was an outstanding achievement. Both for the practical value of that help and for your generous sympathy, I bring you heartfelt thanks from the refugees and at the same time an inevitable request for more".

Lady Mountbatten paid a tribute to the support given by Mahatma Gandhi and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru to her and her co-workers in relief work. "They were a source of inspiration to us", she said.

Mayor's Party To Mountbattens

Mr. A. P. Sabavala, Mayor of Bombay, gave to Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Viscountess Mountbatten of Burma, a garden party at the Sir Pherozshah Mehta Gardens this evening.

On their arrival at the Garden, Their Excellencies were received by Mr. and Mrs. Sabavala and were given a guard of honour provided by a detachment of the local Fire-brigade.

The Mayoral garden party was attended by the elite of the city, besides Sir John Corville, Mr. B. G. Kher and his colleagues in the Cabinet, Mr. Nagindas Master, ex-Mayor, Mrs. Mitha Lam, Sheriff of Bombay, Mrs. Krishna Hutheesing, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, members of the Bombay Corporation, officers of the civil service and prominent members of the local mercantile community.

Visit To "Norfolk"

Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Governor-General of India, accompanied by the Governor of Bombay visited H.M.S. 'Norfolk' this morning and returned the call paid by Admiral Sir Arthur Palliser, Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station. On arrival at the Gateway of India the Governor-General and the party were received by Commodore H. R. Inigo Jones R.N.

A Guard of Honour by R.I.N. greeted the Governor-General with the Royal Salute.

After spending some time at H.M.S. "Norfolk" the Governor-General accompanied by the Governor of Bombay visited H.M.I.S. "Kistna", where they were received by the Rear Admiral J.T.S. Hall, Flag Officer Commanding R.I.N.

After inspecting the Guard of Honour provided by "Kistna", the Governor-General was presented to the officers by Commander Katari, the Ship's Captain. The Governor-General spoke to the officers and men of the ship.

After visiting "Cauvery" the G.G. and the party returned to the Gateway of India, where they were received by Major-Gen. D. R. Bateman, G.O.C., Bombay Area. A Guard of Honour by 3/5 Royal Gurkha Rifles drawn outside the Gateway greeted the G.-G. with the Royal Salute. After inspecting the Guard of Honour the G.-G. and party returned to Government House.

H.M.S. "Norfolk" (Captain G. A. French, R.N.) wearing the Flag of Admiral Sir Arthur Palliser, Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station arrived in Bombay on Tuesday and will remain until 27th December.

During her visit Admiral Palliser has exchanged official calls with His Excellency the Governor-General Earl Mountbatten, The Governor of Bombay Sir John Colville, The Prime Minister and Chief Justice of Bombay and the Heads of the Services. Their Excellencies were the guests of the Commander-in-Chief at a dinner on board H.M.S. "Norfolk" on Tuesday evening.

This is the first occasion that the Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station, has visited India since she has attained Dominion Status.

Admiral Palliser, who is accompanied by Lady Palliser and his daughter Miss Bridget Palliser will fly to New Delhi as the guest of His Excellncy the Governor-General on 18th December, returning to Bombay on 22nd December.

The "Norfolk" was built in 1930. She is 633 feet long and has displacement of 9,850 tons.

The ship's battle honours in the recent war include the chase and sinking of the "Bismark" and the action with the "Scharnhost" off North Cape, which culminated in the sinking of the latter by the Duke of York.

OPEN TO VISITORS.

The ship will be open to visitors on Friday 19th, Saturday 20th and Monday 22nd December from 14.45 to 17-30. Visitors are requested to make their own arrangements for transport and boats from and to the ship.

Lady Mountbatten At Chembur

Her Excellency Viscountess Mountbatten visited this morning the Refugee Camp at Chembur. On her arrival, Lady Mountbatten was mobbed by hundreds of refugees who all jointly shouted to her their various grievances, the chief of these being the discrimination shown to the Punjabi refugees as against the Sindhi Refugees.

Lady Mountbatten desired that the complainants should choose some spokesman on their behalf who should bring to the notice of the Minister concerned whatever grievances they suffered.

Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise, who along with Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, had accompanied the distinguished visitor, told the refugees that they were all Indians and that it was extremely undesirable and unbecoming on their part to suffer from petty provincial jealousies, particularly when they were all refugees.

Lady Mountbatten visited the camp school and the camp hospital, she evinced considerable interest in the hospital and was taken round the various wards, including the maternity ward by Dr. C. D. Punjabi, the Camp Medical Officer.

As she was about to board her car and return from the Refugee Camp, Lady Mountbtaten was pleasantly surprised to receive a small tablecloth by way of gift from a 14-year-old young Sindhi girl, Miss Violet Shahani which she thankfully accepted.

Mountbatten Inspects Home Guards' Parade

"The Home Guards Organisation in Bombay is as good as any I have inspected anywhere in England", said Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General Indian Dominion, addressing the Home Guards at a special parade held at the Brabourne Stadium this morning.

His Excellency was received on his arrival by Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, who introduced to him Capt. M.J.B. Manekji, the Commandant, and other staff officers of the Bombay Home Guards. A Guard of Honour provided by the Home Guards gave the salute to the honoured guest who then proceeded to inspect the four divisions of the Home Guards having a total strength of about 2800 men.

His Excellency then returned to the saluting base from where he gave an informal talk to the men and officers of the Home Guards after asking them in a pleasant way to rally round him so that they could see "what he exactly looked like". He said that the Home Guards movement, was a movement, which, he was confident would make India great and give her an honoured place in the comity of nations. It was really an important movement, its main characteristic being that it was non-communal. It was a mistake on his part to have asked the Commandant about the communal proportion in the Organisation. He was glad to have received the reply that no communal distinctions were made in the Organisation and that even the Commandant himself did not know the exact strength of the Hindus and Muslims in it.

The Home Guards, continued His Excellency, is a volunteer organisation of civilians backed by forces of law and order. In Bombay it had contributed admirably towards maintaining peace and he hoped they would all realise this supreme fact.

After the march past the Governor-General left the parade ground and proceeded to the Governor's pavilion where he was entertained to tea by the staff of the Home Guards.

Home Guards rally round L ord Mountbatten at Brabourne Stadium on Tuesday morning.

Lady Mountbatten visited the Chembur Camp on Tuesday morning accompanied by Dr. M. D. D. Gilder and Mr. L. M. Patil

Nehru Calls For "New Struggle"

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We have done very little good for the people during the last one year. Partition problems took up our time. We have to settle them finally and divert our whole hearted attention and endeavour to schemes which will benefit our people. We have to march ahead. We have to launch a new struggle against poverty, Ignorance and Unemployment which have to be ended with our supreme endeavour. Let us not worry about past events but look to our future. There were conflicts and clashes and some Provinces separated from us. We have been lowered in the eyes of the world. But those who picked up quarrels have gone to Pakistan and we have got to end strife and establish a People's Government in which everybody will have equal rights.

COMMUNALISM MUST PERISH.

"There are some", Pandit Nehru added "who still raise communal slogans and talk of establishing Hindu raj in India. I wonder why they have raised this cry when the Hindus are in such a large number and the form of Government is Democratic. If we follow this path of sheer communalism then nobody will respect us in this world. When we import religion into politics there is the end of politics. India is now in the international field. Whatever we do we should do with wisdom and care. Narrow mindedness will deal a death blow to our recent and hard-earned freedom.

The Prime Minister further stated that a few vested interests who did not want the people to be independent were behind these outbursts of communalism. They inflamed communal passions for their own benefit. "Although our country is old, our Government is a new-born babe. Recent holocaust has shaken the country. A new state takes time to establish and organise itself. Our country has to be made strong so that it may withstand all those internal and external forces which weaken us. We have to end all indiscipline and hooliganism among us. We can benefit by our Freedom only when there is discipline among us.

CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE.

Prior to August 15, our struggle was of a different nature and directed against a foreign Government but now with the setting up of our own Government it is different. The people should realise this difference. The army and police are now theirs and the attitude and behaviour of the people towards them should change. The old walls which had separated our Army and Police from us are now fast falling asunder. When people have a right to change their Government what do they gain then by picking up quarrels with their own Government. The Army and Police should also change their attitude and should realise that this independent country is theirs and they have to serve the people".

The Prime Minister said that not only India and Pakistan but all the neighbouring Asiatic countries would soon come closer and live in peace and harmony.

LONDON, Dec. 16, (Reuter): Lord and Lady Brabourne left here by air today to spend Christmas in New Delhi with Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of India.

Lady Brabourne is the daughter of Lord Mountbatten.

Lady Mountbatten with members of women's organisations at Sunderbai Hall on Tuesday morning.

States' Affairs

MAHARASHTRA SUPPORTS HYDERABAD STRUGGLE

POONA, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.): The Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee has decided to support the Hyderabad State Congress in its "no-tax campaign" and its struggle for setting up a Responsible Government in the State.

Endorsing the recent decision of the Hyderabad State Congress to continue its struggle in the State, on behalf of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. G. H. Deshpande, Secretary of the M.P.C.C. in a statement to the press urged all Congressmen to give full support to the State Congress and to the people of Hyderabad to "realise ordinary political rights which are due to them".

FORCIBLE CONVERSION OF HARIJANS CONDEMNED

Mr. P. N. Rajbhoj, General-Secretary of the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation today warned the Muslims of Hyderabad State against "adopting coercive measures to force the scheduled caste population to embrace Islam".

He regretted that incidents of forcible conversion should have taken place and hoped that the Nizam's Government would take immediate steps to stop them. He said his community would never tolerate forcible conversion.

Mr. Rajbhoj cautioned the Scheduled Caste community in the State against being misled by "paid agents" of the Nizam's Government, "who were trying to break up the solidarity of the community".

'A' STATES SIGN AGREEMENT

CUTTAK, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.):

The following seven 'A' Group States in Orissa are understood to have signed agreements with the Government of India on the future Governance of these States during Sardar Vallabhai Patel's visit to Cuttack this week;

Dhenkanal, Gangpur, Kalachandi, Patna, Baudh, Sareikella and Sonepur Keonjhar, Nayagarh and Bamra are undestood to have indicated their assent to the signing of the agreements.

Nayurbmanji is the only 'A' Group State which has not yet given assent and its ruler has informed the States Ministry that since he had already given full Responsible Government his peale, the matter would be left to that Government.

Following are the fifteen 'B' and 'C' class Orissa States which have also signed similar agreements with the Government of India.

Athgarh, Athmallig, Baramba, Bonai, Daspalla, Himdol, Khandpara, Kharswn, Narsinghpur, Nilgiri, Pallahara, Rairakhol, Talcher and Tigiria.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CHATTISGARH STATES.

NAGPUR, Dec. 16, (A.P.I.): Consequent upon the signing of the agreement of integration by rulers of Chattisgarh States with C. P. and Berar last night, the C. P. Government are taking steps to constitute as soon as possible, an Advisory Committee consisting of some Rulers and states subjects to advise the Provincial Governments on problems pertaining to the States.

Marshall Opposes Move For Separate Peace

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London, Lewis Douglas—two of the major American exponents of some kind of special international regime for the Ruhr.

French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, to-day held out hopes of continued Big Four co-operation as speculation in London ran high about the great Powers' next moves to fill the vacuum in world affairs created by last night's collapse of the Foreign Ministers Conference, says the "Reuter".

Speaking at a press conference herethe first of the four leading participants to comment on the new situation— M. Bidault said; "My impression—and I stress the fact that it is my impression—is that it is the desire to leave the door open for all possible attempts at an overall settlement".

M. Bidault was replying to a question whether the three Western Powers should now proceed to a settlement without Russia. Asked if there would be another session of the Council of Foreign Ministers M. Bidault said: "No date, no place has been fixed, but the institution exists for always and this is one of the good things one can find in the Potsdam Agreement."

At the British Foreign Office, an official spokesman ridiculed a report that a conference of the three Western Powers had already been arranged for the middle of next month in Washington to discuss economic problems of Western Germany. Such arrangements were not made at this speed, he said.

Rejecting reports of a "Three-Power Security Pact" between France, Britain and the United States, the spokesman said no such proposal had been made by any of the three Governments.

No plans had been made for talks between British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, Secretary of State George Marshall and M. Bidault before the departure of the two visitors expected within the next 48 hours, it was stated.

THREE-POWER TALKS.

Despite these official declarations, usually well-informed quarters here believed that the three Ministers may meet to-morrow to make decisions on the future of Western Germany, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent. Outstanding items in these possible three-Power conversations would be currency reform in the west and the merger of the French occupation zone with "Bizonia", observers believed.

Authoritative London quarters tonight made it clear that the collapse of the Big Four Conference will in no way affect the impending Trade Agreement between Britain and Russia, Fraiser Wighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent, wrote.

This is regarded as purely commercial agreement not affected by political issues, it was stated.

The British Cabinet fully discussed its attitude towards the main issues to be raised at the Foreign Ministers Conference before their talks opened and Mr. Bevin's general line of policy was endorsed.

MOLOTOV IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, Dec. 16. (Reuter): M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived in Berlin "silent and looking very serious" on his way from London to Moscow about the same time as the British licensed German News Agency was circulating the order of the British Military Government in Germany and the text of the speech.

COMMUNIST FLARE UP IN MANCHURIA

Heavy Attack Launched Against Faku

SHANGHAI, December 16. (Reuter): Nationalist Generals were called into hurried conferences in Mukden as another general flare up with Communists in Manchuria appeared imminent. Government dispatches said today.

A force of 7,000 Communists have launched a heavy attack against Faku, 50 miles north of Mukden, according to semi-official Chinese reports and a large Communist army has started to move between Sian and Sifeng, about 100 miles to the north-east.

A two-day-old battle continued around Chinchow on the Peiping railway 80 miles West of Mukden. This area had been more or less quiet since nationalists claimed last month they had pushed Communists away from Changchun, Manchurian capital, before bitter weather set in.

Although Government dispatches agreed that Communists had cut corridor between Jehol and Liaoling, near Chinchow, they said Nationalist troops still occupied Linchow, a key-point to the North of the city.

SUSPENSE ATTACK.

The assault on Faku came as a surprise and followed a quiet crossing of the Liao river in the early morning. The Government garrison was said to be fighting furiously.

Communists were today still battering unsuccessfully in the outskirts of Langang, 20 miles East of the Honan provincial capital of Kaifeng, but the situation for Government forces was said to be serious.

General Liujuhming, military Governor of the Province, was personally conducting defensive operations. The railway service was reported suspended in North Honan, along both the Peiping-Hankow and the Lungsa lines.

In north-east Shantung Province, the situation around the key city of Laiyang 70 miles north of Tinga, which has been under Communists this past week, was obscure.

MADRAS STRIKE SPREADS TO WHOLE PROVINCE

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vindicate their honour and self-respect."

Addressing a largely attended meeting of strikers Mr. Iyer observed that the Government should take "a quick and bold decision", and grant the minimum demands of the N. G's."

The question at the moment is for the Government to make up their mind to grant forthwith dearness allowance on the scale recommended by the Central Pay Commission and agree to refer to arbitration the case of salaries of subordinate services in the presidency, Mr. Iyer said in a statement.

He hoped the Government of Madras would take a generous view of the situation and sanction the relief prayed for forthwith and put an end to the most unhappy situation that now prevails in the province.

STRIKE LEADER JAILED

Mrs. S. Amarnath, a member of the Fourth International, who was arrested by the city police on Saturday in connection with the strike of the Non-Gazetted Government officers has been sent to Vellore Jail for detention under the Maintenance of Public Order Act.

The Executive Committee of the Secretariat Association which is keeping aloof from the present strike decided at a meeting last night to call a General Body meeting today to consider the situation.

From all accounts the strike has generally been widespread in the mofussil amongst the clerical staff. While the majority of revenue and judicial officers in charge of Taluks and sub-Taluks have refrained from striking.

MAGISTRATES DETAINED

In Cannanore, a Tahsildar, a sub-Magistrate and a Deputy Tahsildar have been detained by the Government under the maintenance of public order act for participating in the strike.

A similar detention of a sub-Magistrate has been ordered in Anantapur.

In Coimbatore town, out of a total of about 860 N G O's 715 are on strike and in Tinnevelley about 280 out of 358 Government servants have stayed out.

IN ANDHRA

The strike is equally widespread among the clerical staff in Andhra Desa. In West Godavari, barring the office of the sub-Magistrate and that of the District Superintendent of Police. Where there is full attendance the strike is complete in other offices in the district. At the Collectorate in Masulipatam 20 out of 62 attended office while only 53 turned up for work in the Kurnool collectorate out of the strength of 230.

APPEAL TO CALL OFF STRIKE

Leading citizens of Madras, including Sir Mahomed Usman, former Viceroy's Executive Councillor Dr. U. Krishna Rao, Mayor, Mr. S. A. Shaffee Mahomed, Sheriff of Madras, and Sir M. Balasundaram Naidu issued a joint appeal this evening calling upon non-gazetted officers to call of the strike forthwith in the larger interests of the people of the Province.

The Mayor of Madras, Dr. U. Krishna Rao in a statement today appealed to the N.G.O.'s to call off the strike as he said its continuance would serve only to dislocate life and peace in the city.

U. S. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS RISE IN OCTOBER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, (U. P. A.): United States exports and imports rose in October, the Commerce Department reported today. October imports were $504,700,000 compared to the $480,400,000 in December. United States exports rose to $1,206,700,000 ending the four-month drop which reached a low in September of $1,069,000,000.

"MILK"

IT IS PROPOSED to determine the demand for pure Cow's Milk for domestic consumption, under the Milk Distribution Scheme. Intending consumers are requested to register their approximate daily demand at the respective Milk Distributing Centres, before 31st December 1947.

D. N. KHURODY,
Milk Commissioner.

Bombay, 15th December, 1947.

A view of the Bombay Employed Women's Conference, held recently under the presidentship of Shri Kamaladevi Chattopadyaya.

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FOR UNAUTHORISED POSSESSION of Wheat and Wheat-flour, VANDRAVAN KANJI was convicted and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and pay a fine of Rs. 500 or, one month's simple imprisonment, in default.

Eleven persons, including TULSIRAM DEVIRAM and TARAGIR, were convicted for importing rice and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment each.

RAJANNA POSHANNA was further sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 150 or, one month's rigorous imprisonment, GOVIND SHIVAJI Rs. 100 or, one month's rigorous imprisonment, JAYRAM NAKLOO and JAIRAM HADAPSWAMI Rs. 75 or, one month's simple imprisonment each, LAXMAN KHASHABA and GANGOOBAI LAXMAN Rs. 50 each or, one month's and two weeks' simple imprisonment respectively, in deault GABAL GUBHAYYA and NHANE PANCHKAURI Rs. 20 or, one week's simple imprisonment each and GOVIND YELAPPA Rs. 10 or, one week's simple imprisonment in default.

AMELIBAI PULSI and TIDAYYA MURRAYYA were convicted for unlawfully obtaining wheat and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment each. A fine of Rs. 50 or, two weeks' simple imprisonment was further imposed on Amelibai for the same offence.

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WITH EFFECT from January 1, 1948, 47 villages belonging to Thana District, but included so far in Bombay City and Suburban rationed area, will cease to be rationed. These villages will include the areas covered by Rationing Offices at Malad, Borivli, Goregaon, Kandivli, Bhandup and Mulund.

Card and permit holders residing in these areas can however import any quantity of foodgrains for their use, from outside this area, from now on. Card and permit holders, who wish to import foodgrains from outside should present their ration cards or permits at the Rationing Office of the area in which they reside, and get the coupons for the appropriate number of weeks cancelled. The ration cards or the permits will then be endorsed as valid for import and will thus serve as import permits.

Traders in these areas also will be allowed to import foodgrains without any restriction as regards the quantity, provided they possess a licence under Foodgrains Control Order. Those traders who have no such licences can obtain them on application to the collector of Thana. The licences will serve as an import permits.

DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

SINGAPORE, Dec. 16, (Reuter): Five Indian soldiers convicted for their part in a mutiny on 'Christmas Island' in March 1942 when a British officer and four other ranks were shot, have had their death sentences commuted to life imprisonment, it was officially announced here today.

The reprieve decided on by the British war office was conveyed to the Indians at the Outram Road jail here yesterday.

The Indian representative in Malaya, Mr. J. A. Thivy, succeeded in getting a stay of execution last September.

Constituent Assembly's Translation Committee

NAGPUR, Dec. 15, (A. P. I.): Mr. G. S. Gupta, Speaker C. P. Assembly and Dr. Raghvir returned here yesterday from Delhi after attending sittings of the Constituent Assembly's Translation Committee.

Interviewed, they said: "Satisfactory progress has been made with regard to work fixing up terminology in Hindi for the constitution which is being drafted and at the next meeting of the Committee, we are going to complete it and take up work of actual translation". They added that the Committee are taking all possible care in the choice of words and phrases so as to make Hindi version of the constitution an authoritative text and no room will be left for doubtful interpretation. They had fixed already something like thousand terms and about five hundred more terms still remain to be filled up.

Bihar Minister's Advice To Tata Labour

JAMSHEDPUR, Dec. 14 (API): It would be very unwise on the part of workers to create any obstruction to production which was so vitally necessary for the nation at present, said Mr. Jha, Bihar Minister, addressing a labour meeting here. Mr. Jha advised the workers to have patience until their Unino finally accepted or rejected the revision chart of the Tata's new wage structure.

SARDAR RETURNS TO DELHI

NEW DELHI, December 16:— Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, and Party arrived in Delhi at 11-30 today from Nagpur.

The Deputy Prime Minister was seen off at the airport by Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa, Governor the Central Provinces and Berar, Pandit Ravi Shanker Shukla, Premier, and other members of the Cabinet.

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Bombay Cotton Exchange And State Management

(Contributed)

The Bombay Government deserves to be congratulated on its measures to control forward markets in the presidency. The step is in the right direction. Planned economy will save agriculture and industry from ruin by speculators or price manipulators who work in their own interests. If our independence is to be used properly for benefiting society, State management or supervision over commodity and stock exchanges is an absolute necessity. This should be done immediately. The Government needs co-operation from the public, if not the capitalists.

Big business will no doubt oppose granting wide powers to the Government under the pretext of freedom of trade.

VESTED INTERESTS

The Government should minutely examine whether rules and regulations of present exchanges are so made as to keep prices of commodities well depressed. Recently when there was a move to alter the terms of the Indian cotton contract, strong opposition came from members representing exporters and textile makers. The object of British administration was to exploit India's raw materials. Unfortunately our industrialists and exporters, who made much profits under that administration, would prefer to continue the same exploitation.

The Krishnamachari Committee, being Sub-Committee appointed by Government of India's Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, made recommendations with the following essentials:

(1) Regulated markets
(2) Storage facilities (warehouses)
(3) Co-operative marketing.

The terms of the present contract are encouraging for sellers only. Despite the best statistical position of cotton, when demand exceeds supply, price for cotton touched the floor level every year since October 1943. The only exception was the end of August, 1946. During August 1946, the General meeting of E.I.C.A. approved of Bear Raid. Since October 1943, buyers paid carry-over charges that approximately totalled Rs. 350/-. These are proofs that buyers have lost faith in contract as an instrument of investment.

The utility of the Bombay cotton exchange is nil if regulated contract is not working for encouraging investment.

REGULATED CONTRACT

Regulated contract on the New York cotton exchange is attractive for investors, textile makers, and exporters. It reflects proper value of the spot market. The Indian cotton contract has failed to realize the objective originally meant for it.

The systems in America and India, are somewhat as under:

RAW COTTON FUTURES

American system	Bombay cotton exchange system
(1) Commodity Exchange Commission officials watch and supervise activities of cotton exchanges. Speculative excesses are controlled.	(1) No such Commission exists in Bombay. Uncontrolled speculation persists.
(2) Margin is taken from customers for speculative transactions. It is meant to control speculation. Margin is $20 per bale.	(2) No provision to take margin from customer. System to pay margin on open net position existing on day before clearing has failed to check speculation. Margin is only Rs. 12-8-0 per bale. The small man is attracted to gamble, because margin is not asked from the customer. Big operators sell and purchase speculatively big quantity because margin rules are not stricter. Teji-Mandi business will disappear if it is obligatory for member to take margin from customer. It is unfortunate that the executive of East India is trying to impress on the Government to abolish margin system for free speculation.
(3) Business Conduct Committee or Regulatory Agency appointed by Board to supervise, check and control activities of members. Business decency is maintained. Supervision continues on price manipulation, corner, bear raid or speculative excesses.	(3) No such agency works in the Bombay cotton exchange. No action is taken under disciplinary bye-law if any interest attempts to "corner" or "raid". Uncontrolled speculation gives profits to Big business, i.e., Big speculators and Big spot houses.
(4) Terms of contract Base 15/26" cottons tenderable 7/8" 29/32" 15/16" 31/32" 1" 1-1/32" 1-1/16" 1-3/32" 1-1/8" 1-5/32" 1-3/16" 1-7/32" 1-1/4" Sellers cannot get price for more than 1" for cotton 1-1/32" to 1-1/4" if tendered. Discount for premium cottons 31/32" and 1" is 25%. Prices for tender is fixed on sixth day before issue of each tender. Prices prevailing upcountry are taken into consideration.	(4) Base 3/4" Cottons tenderable upto 15/16" Discount for premium cottons are fixed on 25th before delivery month. These prices continue for the whole month. If the tender is rejected, buyer is not entitled to buy on account of seller. Appeal or super-Appeal Committees are allowed to increase staple than what is stipulated in the original invoice. These terms are highly encouraging for sellers to load cottons into tenders. Hence it is called sellers' contract. Buyers have had to pay heavy premium as carry-over charges on account of the bearish character of the contract.
(5) Control over open net position by member. Maximum quantity allowed is 30,000 bales.	(5) No control over quantity for open net position.
(6) Fortnightly or weekly statement is sent by member for transference to commodity exchange authority showing small and large trade accounts with classifications whether transaction is "Hedge Sale" or "Hedge Purchase" or "Speculative Sale" or "Speculative Purchase."	(6) No statement is asked or sent by member. The Government is unaware of speculative activities by members.
(7) Under Commodity Exchange Act officials of Commodity Exchange Commission possess wide powers to increase margin, and make other amended rules for checking speculative excesses.	(7) Government rarely exercises such powers. Executive of East India has failed to check speculative excesses. It is to be seen how the Act is going to be administered.

Bombay Prohibitive Orders Cancelled

With effect from December 16, 1947 the import of foodgrains into Greater Bombay wil be allowed by landlords and agriculturists upto a year's requirements and by other consumers upto four weeks' requirements at a time on cancellation of appropriate coupons on ration cards. The procedure regarding obtaining import permits will be as follows:—

If the import is by a landlord or an agriculturist, a certificate of the Talati of the area in which the land is situated or the Revenue receipt should be produced regarding possession of the land by the applicant or any member of his family. This certificate or receipt, together with the application for the import should be produced at the Office of the Controller of Rationing, Bombay, along with the ration cards underlying such application. On cancellation of the appropriate coupons on the ration cards an import permit will be given.

Imports by consumers other than landlords and agriculturists into Greater Bombay will be allowed on application to the Controller of Rationing stating the quantity to be imported and the place from which the import is proposed to be made, together with the ration cards underlying such application. On presentation of the application and cancellation of the coupons on the cards produced, for a period not exceeding four weeks at a time, an import permit will be given to the applicant.

The same procedure will apply to imports into the rationed cities of Poona, Sholapur and Ahmedabad, excepting that exports from the Gujerat Region into the remaining part of the Province or from the latter into the Gujerat Region will not be allowed without an export permit from the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay. Thus if the import into Ahmedabad area is from the Gujerat Region, no export permit is necessary. Similarly, if the import is from the remaining part of the Province into Poona or Sholapur rationed areas, no export permit will be necessary. But if the import is from the Gujerat Region into Poona or Sholapur rationed area or from the other region into Ahmedabad rationed area, an export permit would be necessary in addition to an import permit. In such cases the application for the import permit should be made to the Rationing Officer of the area concerned, who will then arrange to forward the application through the District Magistrate to the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, for getting the export permit. On receipt of the export permit and on cancellation of the appropriate coupons the import will be allowed.

In pursuance of the revised food policy, which was announced on December 10, 1947, the Government of Bombay has cancelled the following orders:

The Orders prohibiting movement of cereal foodgrains and gram from one village to another or from one taluka to another or from one district to another. The order prohibiting private sales and disposal of foodgrains. The existing Orders fixing maximum prices for cereal foodgrains and gram, The Levy Order, and The Order requiring agriculturists to declare their stocks of foodgrains and gram on specified dates.

The only restrictions which will remain in force, are that Licences are required for wholesale trade, and for retail trade in cereal foodgrains, under the Foodgrains Control Order, 1942, and the Retail Trade Control and Licensing Order, 1942.

'JOIN CONGRESS WITH NO RESERVATION'

Azad's Message To C. P. And Berar Muslim Conference

AMRAOTI, Dec. 15, (API): The C. P. and Berar National Muslim Conference began here today under the presidentship of Maulana Abdulhali of Delhi in a huge pandal decorated with National Flags. The pandal carried a portrait of Maulana Azad who could not attend the conference due to heavy engagements in Delhi.

Maulana Azad's message read out at the conference said: "Join the Congress without any reservation."

Nearly 400 delegates have so far arrived. Two hundred more delegates are expected to arrive.

The conference opened with the recital of the Holy Quoran. The Secretary of the conference Mr. Mond, Ibrahim then read out the report on the growth of the Nationalist Muslim Movement in the Province.

The chairman of the Reception Committee in welcoming the delegates dwelt on the necessity of holding such conferences in this critical phase of Indo-Pakistan relations.

The Subjects Committee met at 4 p.m. and the open session began at 6 p.m.

WORLD MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF PAKISTAN

KARACHI, Dec. 15. (API): The 'ad hoc' Committee of the "World Muslim Association of Pakistan" met here this evening.

The 'ad hoc Committee decided that all its members should be considered permanent counsellors until elections are held.

It was decided that Maulana Shabbir Ahmed Osmani should act as the President of the World Muslim Association of Pakistan while Mr. M. Iqbal Shaidai should act as its Secretary General.

BUDAPEST (Reuter): A number of American, British French and other foreign journalists will be visiting Hungary in the coming weeks, the Hungarian Under-Secretary for Information Istvan Boldizsar announced here.

Since Hungary regained sovereignty under the Peace Treaty last August no request by a foreign correspondent for visas had been refused.

Pakistan's Threat To Banks

Sequel To Refusal To Honour Cheques From Nationals

KARACHI, Dec. 15 (A.P.I.): The Governor General of Pakistan today issued an ordinance empowering the Dominion Government to investigate complaints made against certain banks which are said to have refused to honour cheques from Pakistan nationals apparently under the instructions from their head offices outside Pakistan based on orders issued by a Government other than the Government of Pakistan.

The ordinance which comes into force immediately and extends to the whole of Pakistan, provides for the immediate relief to the nationals of Pakistan who are said to be suffering as the result of the orders of another government. If after enquiry this is found to be the case, the Government of Pakistan is empowered under the ordinance to order payment or delivery by a bank and in the event of non-payment by the bank, the Government may seize and realise assets of the bank sufficient to discharge the bank's liability to the customer concerned.

WRIT OF PAKISTAN

A press note issued by the Government of Pakistan explaining the Ordinance said that "Instances have occurred where the branches of certain banks operating in Pakistan have refused to honour cheques from Pakistan Nationals in Pakistan where the accounts are held. These banks appear to be acting under instructions from their head offices situated outside Pakistan, the instructions being based on orders issued by a Government other than the Government of Pakistan. There have also been cases where, for similar reasons, branches of banks have refused to hand over securities and other things held in safe custody.

The press note emphasises that it is axiomatic that all banks and branches of banks which conduct business in Pakistan enjoy the protection of Pakistan and must obey the laws and writ of the Government of Pakistan. They may not do anything contrary to the laws or orders of the Government of Pakistan at the instance of an outside Government. No Government could tolerate such an infringement of its sovereign rights.

The Government of Pakistan has, however, no desire to interfere in the normal working of banks, but it cannot acquiesce in banks operating in Pakistan being subject to interference by outside authority through their head offices located outside Pakistan. The ordinance has also been promulgated in the interests of the Banks themselves and will protect them against possible illegal and unconstitutional pressure or interference from other governments.

ORDINANCE EXPLAINED

Sir Victor Turner, Finance Secretary to the Government of Pakistan to-day addressed a conference of Managers of local banks to explain to them the purpose of the new Banking Ordinance.

Sir Victor said: "It is designed for your protection and it is also designed to protect the nationals of Pakistan who have deposits in the banks. This measure has been necessitated as a result of the intervention of another government, and therefore, our Government felt bound to take action. The Government of Pakistan are not going to interfere with normal banking practice in any way, but they could not ignore this unwarranted incursion on their sovereign rights.

In reply to a query as to what exactly the banks were required to do under the ordinance, Sir Victor Turner said: "The position is that it is wrong and illegal to refuse payments of cheques or delivery of articles held in same custody on the orders of another government."

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NEPA NEWS NO. 2

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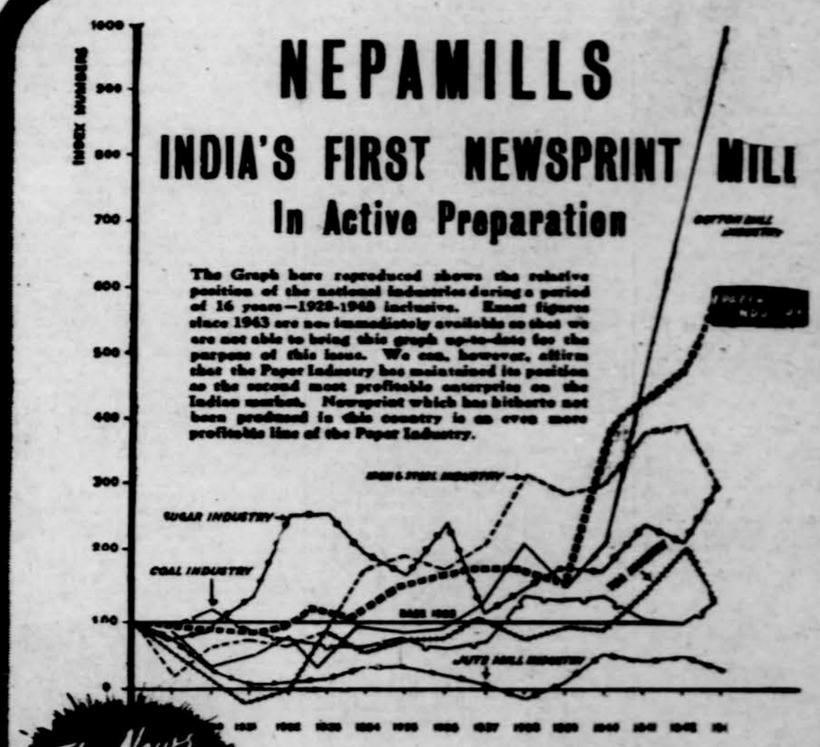
The Graph here reproduced shows the relative position of the national industries during a period of 16 years—1928-1943 inclusive. Exact figures since 1943 are not immediately available so that we are not able to bring this graph up-to-date for the purpose of this issue. We can, however, affirm that the Paper Industry has maintained its position as the second most profitable enterprise on the Indian market. Newsprint which has hitherto not been produced in this country is an even more profitable line of the Paper Industry.



The News by Telegram!

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Moderate Profit Taking In Share Bazar

COTTON PRICES IMPROVE ON RENEWED BUYING

Bullion Market Firm With Silver At Maximum Level

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was again quiet today with moderate liquidation. In view of approaching Holidays, some traders are unloading their purchases as they do not like to carry over long accounts over the holidays. At the same time a section believes that the market makes a big move in holidays. Anyway the recent liquidation is improving the technical situation and any important decline is likely to attract replacement by sold out bulls.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1990 and declined at Rs. 1955 while Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 388 and declined at Rs. 385. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1190 and quietened at Rs. 1180 while Kohinoors opened at Rs. 630 and declined at Rs. 623

Later on there was renewed buying which resulted in a steady recovery and a portion of the decline was wiped off. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares after declining at Rs. 1950 improved at Rs. 1985 and closed at Rs. 1980. Ordinary Shares after declining at Rs 383, advanced at Rs. 391. Bombay Dyeings after declining at Rs. 1175 advanced at Rs. 1215. Kohinoors rose at Rs. 634 while Simplex after opening at Rs. 357 declined at Rs. 247 and improved at Rs. 253. Swadeshi Shares after declining at Rs. 663 advanced at Rs. 679. A. C. C. Shares were quoted at Rs. 183. Burmas were done at Rs. 527/8 and Bellapurs at Rs. 352 while Scindia Shares closed at Rs. 37/14.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 1212/8 Kohinoor 634 Swadeshi 677 Nagpur 347 Simplex 254 New Great 428 Gokak 343 Indore 712/8 Century 975 Colaba 235 I. Bleaching 153 Swan 375 Finlay 328 Morarji 580 Edward 715 Meyer 238/12 Apollo 4/4/6 I U Ordinary 17/7 I U Defd 3/4/6 Madhusudan 285 Poddar 342/8 Khatau X D 255

STEEL

Tata Steel Ord 391 Tata Steel Defd 1987/8 Second 153/8

CEMENT

Associated Merger 181/8

INDUSTRIES

Burma 532/8 Belapur 352/8 Shivrajpur 43 Scindia 37/11 Construction 222/8 Tata Chemical 17/4 Tata Oil 72 Indian Iron 37/8 Bengal Steel 32

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ord. 137/8 Tata Hydro 179 Andhra 1575 Power X D 1747/8

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 92 Phoenix 1310 Ind Mfg 4460 Kooria 305 Dawn 1545 David 142/8 New City 240 Minerva 212/12 Bradbury 640 Bharucha (Defd.) 7/4 Bharat 50/4 Mysore 240 Madavji 19/10 Model 230 Laxmi X. D. 1606/4 Vishnu X. D 622/8 Western 4325 Standard 500 Sholapur 6300 Sassoon Cotton 18/8 Hindustan 4550 Tata 83 Ahmedabad Advance 461/4 Sassoon Silk 75/8 New Union 20 Madhusudan 292/8 Shrinivas 408/12 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 265 Victoria 425 Kohinoor Cpn. 55 Simplex Cpn 126

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 160/10 New 148/12 Surat 171/4 New Prem. 110 Karachi 143/12 Broach 11 Ajmer X D 12/4 Amalgamated 15/8 Nagpur 56/8 Poona 170 Bombay Suburban 176/4 Bombay Suburban (New) Prem. 100

BANK SHARES

Reserve 120 Imperial 2290 P P 572/8 Central 89 Coupon 19 India 244 Union 11 Baroda 171/4 Habib 151 Dena Bank 60 United Commercial 76 Jaipur 52 Hindustan Com. 40 Mysore 367/8 Exchange (Ord) 50 Eastern 105

INSURANCE

Oriental 6300 Empire 790 New India 76/12 Jupiter 32/8 Vulcan 14/2 Indian Mercantile 56/8 Universal Fire 15/12 British India General 21 Prud 36/8 Neptune 7 New Great 27 All-India General 31

RAILWAYS

C. P. 108/8 Mymensing 113 Guaranteed 113 Pachora 100

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock V R 333/12 Steamer 602/8 Burma New 171/4 B B Petrol 3/10/6 Mackenzie 145 Port Canning 75 Kemp 510 Zandu Pharmacy 180 Indian Investment Trust 109 Wimco 308/12 Dharamsey Chemical 36 Mukund Iron 10 Dena Trust 20/2 Alembic 267/8 Supreme India 130 Jamwire 110 Bombay Uganda 80 Bombay Motor Cycle 42 India Cement 32 Walchand Nagar Industries X. R. 180 United Motor 80 A C C New 103 Bombay Safe Deposit 865 Hydro Construction 18/2.

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 205 Tram 50 Andhra Valley 1355 Tata Power 1430 Hydro 136/4 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 705 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 825 Laxmi 308/12 New Great 268/12 Poddar 115/10 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 126/4 Bradbruy 495 Surat Elec. 165/10 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref.) 127/8 Amalgamated 135 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 115 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 17/10 Supreme 120 Meyer 125 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 Ahd. Advance 143/12 Mysore Mill 51 Standard 100 Madhusudan 12

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952 (4) 103/8 B. Steamer 1950 (8) 106/12 I Hume Pipe (6) 111 Tata Power 1951—102/8 Walchandnagar (6) 117

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Copper 3/7/3 B I C 10/4 Burma Corporation 4 New Victoria 6/8 New Victoria Preference 7/4 Raja 26 Phalton 124 Gold Mohur 305 Kaiser-i-Hind 380 Sajjan 290 Osmanshahi 285 Azamshahi 245 Air Services 15/10 Air Ambika 19 Air India (Tata) 197/8 Hind Motor 8/11 India Steam 16/4 Sone Valley 9.

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INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.
BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

Tata Ordinary 391; Tata Deferred 1987/8; Indian Iron X. D. 37/8; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 32; Bombay Dyeing 1212/8; Central India 346/14; Gokak 343/2; Kohinoor 633/12; Simplex 254; Swadeshi 676/14; Tata Power 1767/8; Associated Cement 181/8; Belapur 352/8; Bombay Burma (Old) 532/8 Scindia 37/15; Central Bank 88/12; New India 73/12; Tata 2nd Pref. 153/12.

The Market will remain closed for Christmas and New Year Holidays from Wednesday, December 24, to Thursday, January 1, 1948. (Both days inclusive.).

CALICUT MARKET
CALICUT, Dec. 16.

Coiryarn Beypore 170/190 Quilandy 185/195 Fibre Garbled 125 Ungarbled 160 Cocoanutoil 425 Copra Office 295 Dilpasand 210 Madras-nottam 300 Pepper Wynaad 750 Country 700 Dryginger Chernad 265 Ernad 250 Coffee Robusta 96 Timber Pali 60/63 Junglewood 28/30 Vellapine 46/52 Benteak 55/60 Teak 90 Mangoplansk 2/8/3 Teak 17/17 Rosewood 12/18

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, Dec. 15.

	$
Consols 2-1/2 p c	32-1/2
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	108-1/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	111-7/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	113-7/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-3/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	18-1/2
National Bank of India	33-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 3434.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/5 4/4 4/0/6
B. Dyeing 1175 90 75 92/8 85 1212/8
C. India 335 34 39 36 47
Bharat 50 51/4
Bradbury (Pref.) 495
E. Textiles 708/12 15
Elphinstone (Ord.) 92
Finlay 318 21/8 20 22 18 25 22
Gokak 346 40 42 39 43
I. U. (Defd.) 3/4 3/3/6 3/4 3/3/3 3/4/6
I. U. (Ord.) 17/2 17/0/6 17/2 17/8 17/7
Indore 710 700 3/12 700 12
Kohinoor 625 22 30 21 34
Meyer 240 41/4 35 40 38/12
Madhusudan 285
Morarji 570 85 80
New City 240
New Great 428 21 24 23 28
Poddar 342/8
Simplex 257 55 56 47 54
Shrinivas 408/12
Swadeshi 670 65 72 69 70 63 77
Swan 367 75
Tata Mills 84 83
Vishnu 617/8

BANKS.

Baroda 171/4
Central 88 88/8 87/8 89
Habib 150/12 51
Imperial (Old) 2295 90
Imperial (New) 568/12 72/8
India 243 44
Reserve 119
Union 10/8 11
U. Commercial 75/8 76

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 160 61/4 60/10
Andra Valley 1577/8 75
Andhra Valley (Pref) 1355
B. Tram (Ord.) 138 37/8 39 38/8
Hydro 177 79
Power 1750 52/8 50 55 47/8
New India Ass. 76 76/12 76/8 77 76/12

STEAMER.

B. Steam 600 602/8
Scindia 37/8 37/4 37/14 37/8 37/15

STEEL.

B. Steel 31/4 32 31/4 32
I. Iron 37/8 37/4 37/9 37/1 37/8
Tata (Defd.) 1985 70 75 67/8 70 50 67/8 55 87/8
Tata (Ord.) 389 85 87 83 86/8 85 91
Tata (II Pref) 154 52/8 54 53/4 54/12 53/8

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 333/12
A. C. C. (Old) 180 77 80 79/8 82 81/8
A. C. C. (New) 100 4 3
Belapur 346 43 48 46 53 52/8
B. B. (Old) 515 5 22/8 20 32/8
B B (New) 168/12 65 71/4
B. B. Petrol 3/10 3/11/3 3/10 3/10/5
Dena Trust 20/2
I. Bleaching 155 53
P. Const. 218 20 17 21 19 20 19 22/8
Shivrajpur 42 43/8 43
Tata Chem. 17/4 17/2 17/4
Tata Oil 71/8 72 70/8 72
Walchandnagar 182/8 80
Wimco 307/8 8/12

SPECIAL.

Central Coupon 19/8 19
Central Bank (New) 90 89
Mysore Coupon 86 85 85
Simplex Coupon 129 30 26
Ahmedabad Elec. (New) 148/12
Aembic Chem 266/4 67/8

CHEQUES CLEARED.

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending the 12-12-1947 were as under :—

Number of Cheques : 181337.
Amount of Cheques : Rs. 52,37,16,223-4-9.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

	Rs.	as.	p
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	12	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1950	101	6	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1961	97	15	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52	100	13	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	100	4	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	100	2	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1975	99	8	0
3 p.c. Non-Terminable	100	14	0
3 p.c. 1986 Con.	101	6	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	102	4	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	13	0
3 p.c. 1953-55	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1957	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	102	9	0
3 p.c. 1963-65	102	2	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	102	1	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	101	14	0
3-1/2 p.c 1954-57	106	8	0
4 p.c. 1948-53	103	0	0
4 p.c 1960-70	113	12	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1950-55	105	8	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	114	2	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	117	8	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

2-3/4 p.c. U. P. 1961	98	8	0
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961	99	0	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1955	102	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1958	102	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1949	99	6	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53	101	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952	99	8	0
3 p.c. U. P. 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. C. P. 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N. W. F. 1952	100	4	0
3 p.c. U. P. 1961-66	101	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	113	0	0
4 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	113	0	0
5 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	117	0	0
6 p.c. Bombay Municipality 1954	121	0	0
3-1/4 p.c. New Municipal 1977	102	2	0
6 p.c K. P. T.	121	0	0

SILVER TENDERS.

The E. I. C. of C. Ltd., (Silver Tukda Bazar) issued Delivery Orders of 6920 Silver pieces of Kartak Vadi Amash Vayda.

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.

December 3.08-1/4 to 3.08-1/4.
March 3.02-3/4 nominal.
May 2.95-3/4 to 2.96.
July 2.61-3/4 to 2.62.

Outburst Of Commission House Liquidation In N.Y. Cotton

Futures Decline 15 To 57 Points

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

COTTON : Early gains attributed to price fixing mostly in March and May options and reports of a good business in print cloths on Worth Street extending into the fourth quarter of 1948. Prices reacted on scattered hedges and liquidation with Washington uncertainties and the approaching end-year holidays restrictive factors. The market steadied on trade support. Linters produced since August 1st were 827,000 bales, cottonseed crushed 1,691,0000, tons, cottonoil consumed in November 331,400 barrels compared with 431,000, 1,356,000 and 345,390 respectively in the corresponding period last year. The market turned sharply lower on a sudden outburst of commission house liquidation, New Orleans selling and uncovering of stoplosses. Part of the selling is believed to be for tax purposes. Otherwise no fresh features occurred. The session steadied feebly near the close on covering. The market closed steady. Sales are estimated at 375,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 15.

December	36.15—32
January	35.67—57
March	35.91—48
March Highest	36.48+09
March Lowest	35.89—50
May	35.54—44
July	34.32—36
October	31.50—15
December	30.80—17
March	30.51—16
Middling Spot	36.73—48

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 15.

December	35.80—42
March	35.88—50
May	35.47—45
July	34.35—26
October	31.41—20
Middling Spot	35.65—45

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

The Bombay Bullion was quietly steady with very little business passing. Forward Silver was nominally quoted at Rs. 170/4 and Forward Gold was placed at Rs. 106/4. It is said that some agreement is arrived at. Members were busy with settlement work. Thus no business was done

Forward Silver reached the maximum fixed level of Rs. 171 and there was no trading. Gold was steady and final quotations were as under :

Ready Silver	172	0	0
Forward Silver	171	0	0
Ready Gold	107	4	0
Forward Silver	107	2	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

The produce market was fairly steady today with moderate business passing. Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 147/6 and after improving at Rs. 147/8 declined at Rs. 146/8 on renewer long liquidation by professional operators but the decline attracted increased support and the market rallied at Rs. 147/2. Ready Castorseeds were quoted at Rs. 33/4, Groundnuts Khandesh quality were quoted at Rs. 33. Bold December-January were quoted at Rs. 30/14. Groundnut Oil January was quoted at Rs. 17/10 and February at Rs. 17/9. Linseed ready was quoted at Rs. 29/8 and February-March business was reported at Rs. 29/4.

Later on there was increased buying and Castorseeds May closed at Rs. 148/4.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

The local cotton market opened quiet today and declined on moderate selling. It is true that January contract is likely to continue firm owing to expected scarcity of tenders but the recent improvement was too rapid and there is more inclination to secure profits with a view to replace at lower levels later on.

The market opened at Rs. 499 against expected opening at Rs. 500 for January delivery and declined at Rs. 497 on moderate realising. At the decline mere appeared scattered covering and January contract steadied at Rs. 498 while March placed at Rs. 494.

There was further moderate buying which hardened January option at Rs. 500 but again declined at Rs. 498 on moderate offerings.

Thereafter there was moderate buying and January advanced at Rs. 502/8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under :

ICC Jan.	502	4	0
ICC March	498	0	0
ICC May	502	8	0
ICC July	509	4	0
ICC Sept.	513	8	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton January Contract is 1640 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing.
Jan.	503	494-1/2	502
March	498	492	496-3/4
May	502	497	502
July	508-1/2	503-1/2	508-1/2
Sept.	512-3/4	508	512-3/4
Karachi 4F Jan.			55-8-0

Sharp Reaction In Chicago Grains

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.

Early firmness reflected the higher stock market, strength of cash grains, forecast of a coldwave in the northwest and light country offerings of food grains. Latterly however increased profit-taking and local selling, particularly in wheat, resulted in sharp reactions from the day's best levels.

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Black Pepper closing prices : Spot 44.00; Traded Dec. 41.00; Bid January 39.00; Bid March 33.00; May 33.00; July 33.00. Asked sales nil.

LONDON BULLION.
London, Dec. 15.

Silver Spot 45 d., Forward 44-3/4 d. Gold £8/12/3.

Hapoor Foodgrains Market Very Quiet

HAPOOR, Dec. 11.

FOODGRAINS.

The long awaited announcement of the Government of India regarding its new food policy has been made. The revised policy would be one of progressive decontrols and derationing. The question of price fixation has been left to provinces. The U. P. Government has not yet made public its plans as many other provincial Governments have done.

Meanwhile foodgrain markets have remained very quiet. Only when stock movements actually take place would the tendency for equalizing of prices be set in.

Pulses remained very quiet. There being no high priority for movements of pulses, markets have not been affected at all by their decontrol several weeks ago as there have been no loadings from here.

The following are the week's quotations : Wheat 24/8; Gram 18/8; Barley 16; Bejhar 15/8; Maize 16/8; Bajra 16/12; Peas 15/8 and Juwar 15. Arhar 16; Urd 22; Moong 17/8 and Masoor 17. Hapur has exported some Barley to needy districts while some Maize has been received here for stocking—a share of Argentine imports. The latest stock position is summarised as follows : Wheat 32; Gram 9; Peas 65; Arhar 114; Bejhar 4; Khatties.

GUR AND SHAKKAR.

As no fresh instructions have been received after the decontrol of Gur and Sugar by the Central Government on Dec 8th, the old policy in respect of the issue of export permits continues. Old Gur permits cancelled some weeks back are again being revalidated and are accepted for loading in group I being put on Government account. But as no such high priority is given in respect of new Gur loadings, new Gur has not been exported from Hapoor even to Eastern Punjab although movements to that province are no longer controlled. With such transport difficulties, stocks are gradually accumulating and the stockists are indifferent buyers as they are still uncertain of the Provincial Government's intentions. Daily arrivals now average 8,000 to 10,000 mds. Gur is quoted at 10/8 and Shakkar at 17/8 today. During the week about 2,500 mds. of last year's Gur was loaded under revalidated export permits.

OILSEEDS.

The market for sarson remained steady. Forward business is still carried on despite formal ban. Maha which is now quoted at 26/13 is particularly steady. Ready is quoted at 26/2. As again this Mustardoil prices fell down by a rupee to 67 and Groundnut by eight annas to 13/8. Oilcake remained unchanged at 10/5.

OATS FUTURES.

The market remained highly erratic. There was an extremely steady course in the first instance but since yesterday, a definitely reverse tendency has set in. On Thursday last Jeth was quoted at 10/2/4. It rose to 10/8 on Friday and 10/10/6 on Saturday. There were very narrow fluctuations on Monday and Tuesday but prices fell down sharply on Wednesday when the lowest touched 10/6/4. It opened at 10/6 this morning fell down to 10/5 and is presently quoted at 10/6. Ready is quoted at 11/8.

BULLION.

The market remained extremely steady particularly towards the end of the end of the period under review. Unstinted support of Bombay bulls encouraged sympathetic action here. On Thursday last Silver was quoted at 165/8. It is presently quoted at 169. Lowest during the week was touched on Monday when it fell to 162/8. That reaction was forced by huge profit covering liquidations. Gold on the other hand remained quiet. There was little speculative interest. The undertone was slightly steadier in sympathy with Silver but the actual rise was small. It is presently quoted at 106/8.

BARDANA FUTURES.

The market remained quiet. Price fluctuations were narrow. There are hopes that like other partition issues, the jute controversy would also be soon amicably settled with the Pakistan Government. January is now quoted at 94 as compared with 93/8 quoted on Thursday last and 95/10 highest touched during the week.

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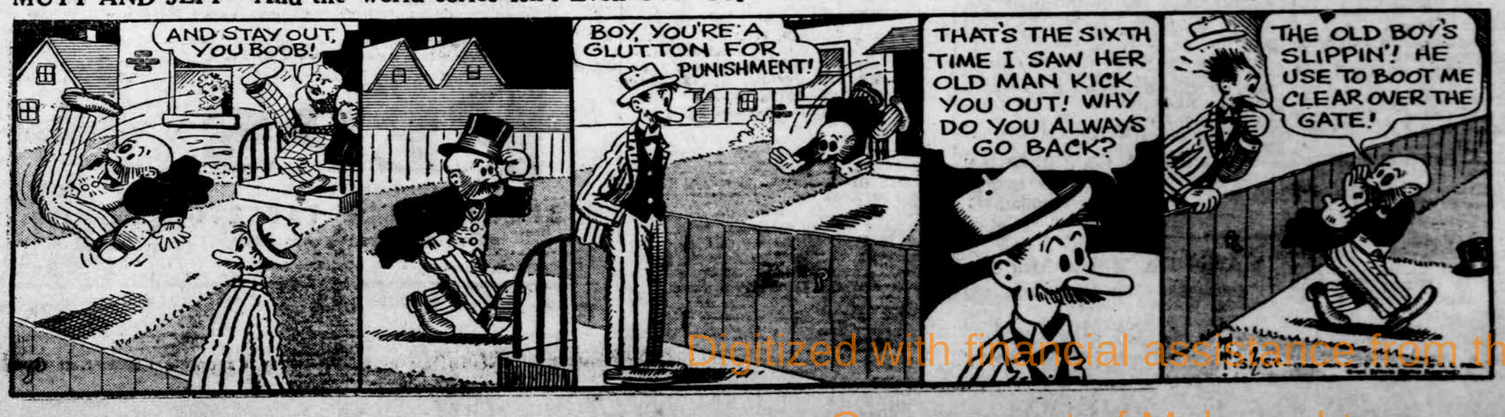
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(Sd.) R. J. SUTARIA,
General Manager.

Bombay, dated 17th December, 1947 7705

BOMBAY NATIVE DISPENSARY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Donors and Subscribers of the Bombay Native Dispensary will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, 1947, at 5 P.M. (S.T.) at the Office of Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Baronet, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following:—

1. To receive and adopt the audited Balance Sheet and Report of the Managing Committee for the years 1945 and 1946.
2. To appoint a Member in the Managing Committee in place of Mr. Framroze Ardeser Vakil who retires by rotation but is eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint two Honorary Auditors for the years 1947 and 1948.

By Order of the
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JEHANGIR R. M. MASTER,
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(Sd.) V. S. SAVANT,
Superintendent of Excise,
Bombay.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. TAYABI ABDULKAYUM BHAVNAGARWALLA has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all encumbrances:—

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Dated this 13th day of December, 1947.

TAHER S. DOCTOR.
For M/s. Hooseini Doctor & Co.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 3797 of 1947

MAHOMED ABDUL GAFOOR ALIMAHOMED, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant, residing at Moreland Road, without the Fort of Bombay, on behalf of himself and all other creditors of Ahmed Bakash Ali Bakash deceased, who resided at Sonawalla Building, Grant Road and was doing business as a Book-Seller at the Corner of J.J. Hospital outside the Fort of Bombay. ..... Plaintiff.

versus

ABDUL REHMAN AHMED BAKASH, son of Ahmed Bakash Ali Bakash of Bombay, Muslim Inhabitant, residing at Sonawala Building, Grant Road, without the Fort of Bombay. Defendant.

To,

All the Creditors of Ahmed Bakash Ali Bakash deceased.

Notice under O.I. R. 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

PURSUANT to the Order made by the Honourable Mr. Justice Desai on the 18th day of November 1947, NOTICE is hereby given under Order 1, Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure to all the creditors of the abovenamed Ahmed Bakash Ali Bakash, deceased, that the plaintiff abovenamed is given liberty to file and prosecute the above suit against the defendant abovenamed for and on behalf of himself and all other creditors of the said Ahmed Bakash Ali Bakash deceased praying for the following reliefs:—

(a) That it may be declared that there is due and owing by the estate of the deceased Ahmed Bakash Ali Bakash to the plaintiff a sum of Rs. 11,233-15-6 as per particulars annexed to the plaint herein with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof until Judgment;

(b) That the defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the plaintiff the said amount of Rs. 11,233-15-6 with interest thereon as aforesaid out of the estate of the deceased Ahmed Bakash Ali Bakash, come to his hands and also to other creditors, if any of the deceased the amounts that may be found due to them by the estate of the deceased;

(c) That the estate of the deceased may if necessary be administered by and under the directions of this Hon'ble Court;

(d) That for the purposes aforesaid all orders may be passed, inquiries made, accounts taken and directions given as this Hon'ble Court may think fit;

(e) That the defendant may be ordered to make full and true discovery of the assets of the deceased;

(f) That pending the hearing and final disposal of the suit the defendant may be restrained by an order and injunction of this Hon'ble Court from recovering and realising the amounts of Rs. 7,182-13-6 and Rs. 250/- from the Habib Bank Ltd., Mahomedali Road, Bombay, and the Orient Airways Ltd. respectively as also from further selling or disposing of or in any way dealing with the said business, its Goodwill, Stock-in-trade as well as the tenancy rights of the said business left by the said deceased;

(g) That pending the hearing and final disposal of the suit, Court Receiver may be appointed Receiver of the said two amounts and of the said business, its Goodwill, Stock-in-trade and its tenancy rights with such powers as this Hon'ble Court may think fit to invest the Receiver with;

(h) That the defendant may be ordered to pay to the plaintiff his costs of the suit and interest on Judgment at 4% per annum until payment and/or that the plaintiff's costs of the suit may be otherwise provided for;

(i) That the plaintiff may have such further and other reliefs as the nature of the case may require.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing of the said suit has been fixed for 2nd day of February, 1948.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1947.

(Sd.)
K. K. DASTUR,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) A. R. NARAYAN IYER,

The 5th day of December, 1947.

Messrs. DADLA & CO.,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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AUCTION SALES

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

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